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# GOING VIRAL



## Dallas Hospital Confirms First Ebola Case In US

Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Dr. Tom Frieden speaks during a news conference after confirming that a patient at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital has tested positive for Ebola, the first case of the disease to be diagnosed in the United States, announced Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, in Atlanta. The person, an adult who was not publicly identified, developed symptoms days after returning to Texas from Liberia and showed no symptoms on the plane, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

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**DALLAS (AP)** — A patient at a Dallas hospital has tested

positive for Ebola, the first case of the disease to be diagnosed in the United States, federal health officials announced Tuesday.

The patient was in isolation at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, which had announced a day earlier that the person's symptoms and

recent travel indicated a possible case of Ebola, the virus that has killed more than 3,000 people across West Africa and infected a

handful of Americans who have traveled to that region.

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# Security chief grilled on White House breach

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Under withering criticism from Congress, the director of the Secret Service on Tuesday admitted failures in her agency's critical mission of protecting the president but repeatedly sidestepped key questions about how a knife-carrying intruder penetrated ring after ring of security before finally being tackled deep

Post reported similar details and added that the man had three convictions for assault and battery.

The office of Republican Congressman Jason Chaffetz, who has helped lead Congress' investigation, said a whistleblower had provided him the same details.

The gun was discovered only because the contractor was questioned after he persisted in taking video of Obama on the elevator,

dent inquiry into what went wrong. They were not assuaged by Pierson's vow that "I'll make sure that it does not happen again" or by the agency's own investigation.

"I wish to God you protected the White House like you protected your reputation here today," Democratic Congressman Stephen Lynch told Pierson at a public hearing that was followed by a classified, closed-door briefing.

later, the same officers observed him "for some time" on the Pennsylvania Avenue north side but never intervened.

Gonzalez later went over the fence, sprinted to the unlocked front door and ran through half the first floor of the White House before being tackled.

Gonzalez was indicted Tuesday on a federal charge of entering a restricted building while carrying a deadly weapon

## Putin visiting Kazakhstan after remarks cause alarm

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Kazakhstan on Tuesday to stress the need for close ties between the two countries, a month after he caused alarm in the former Soviet republic by seeming to question its future as an independent state.

During a meeting with President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Putin said Russia and Kazakhstan were "connected historically and today by a thousand threads, which unite us and help us develop, supporting each other."

"The Kazakhs had never had statehood," Putin said at the time. "He created it. In this sense he is a unique person for the former Soviet space and for Kazakhstan, too."

His remarks were interpreted as suggesting that Kazakhstan's independence might not survive Nazarbayev, who is 74 and has been president since the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Putin went on to say that most people in Kazakhstan wanted closer relations with Russia and to remain part of the "big Russian world."

Russia justified its annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and support for separatists in eastern Ukraine by saying it has a responsibility to protect ethnic Russians outside Russia. Like Ukraine, Kazakhstan has a large ethnic Russian population. Putin and Nazarbayev had been counting on Ukraine joining the Eurasian Economic Union, a counterweight to the European Union that they are forming together with Belarus. These plans were spoiled when Ukraine's former pro-Moscow president was ousted in February and the new government decided to sign an economic and political cooperation agreement with the EU instead. □



Secret Service Director Julia Pierson, center, before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, with W. Ralph Basham, right, Commissioner for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, on Capitol Hill, in Washington, Sept. 30, 2014. Pierson on Tuesday took full responsibility for an intruder who breached Secret Service security around the White House 11 days ago and evaded capture as he ran around the first floor of the mansion.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

inside the White House. Despite the extraordinary lapses in the Sept. 19 incident, Julia Pierson asserted: "The president is safe today."

Hours later, reports emerged of yet another failure in Secret Service protocol, this time in President Barack Obama's presence.

On Sept. 16, an armed federal contractor rode on an elevator with Obama and his security detail while the president was visiting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the Washington Examiner reported. The Washington

the reports said. The contractor was immediately fired by his employers.

Was Obama informed? It was unclear. But Pierson, under questioning at the hearing, said that she is the one who briefs Obama on threats to his personal security and that she had briefed him only once this year, "for the Sept. 19 incident."

At the Capitol, Democratic and Republican lawmakers alike expressed the view that the Sept. 19 breach of White House security had blemished the storied agency, and several pressed for an indepen-

Chaffetz said afterward: "The more I learn, the more it scares me."

Calm but defensive in testimony before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Pierson disclosed that shortly before the intruder jumped the fence at least two of her uniformed officers recognized him from an earlier troubling encounter but did not approach him or report his presence to superiors.

On Aug. 25, Army veteran Omar J. Gonzalez was stopped while carrying a small hatchet near the fence south of the White House, Pierson said. Weeks

and two violations of District of Columbia law.

At the House hearing, Pierson said she did not know why Gonzalez was not intercepted earlier.

"Personnel actions will be taken" once the agency's review is complete, she said, in what appeared to be a euphemism for possible discipline or terminations. Lawmakers stopped short of calling on her to resign.

Chaffetz said he was not there "yet." Lynch said, "Let's just say I'm not impressed with how she has dealt with White House security." □



## Afghan pact signed amid questions on Iraq pullout

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AP White House Correspondent

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — After lengthy delays, U.S. and Afghan officials signed a security pact Tuesday to keep American troops in Afghanistan beyond year's end, aiming to prevent the country from descending into the kind of chaos that has plagued Iraq following the Pentagon's withdrawal.

President Barack Obama has pressed hard for the agreement, but his comments about the situations in the two countries have brought criticism from some quarters. While he has touted the Afghan accord as crucial to protecting progress in the fight against al-Qaida, he's also insisted that had he reached a similar pact with Iraq, it would have done little to stop the rise of the Islamic State militants now wreaking havoc there and in neighboring Syria.

"The only difference would be we'd have a bunch of troops on the ground that would be vulnerable," Obama said in August, shortly after authorizing airstrikes in Iraq. "And however many troops we had, we would have to now be reinforcing, I'd have to be protecting them, and we'd have a much bigger job."

The president and his advisers have repeatedly said they were left with no choice but to withdraw from Iraq. Under an agreement signed by former President George W. Bush, U.S. troops had to leave by the end of 2011 unless an extension was signed.

Negotiations over the terms of a new deal collapsed when it became clear that Iraq's parliament would not give American forces immunity from prosecution, as is typical of such agreements. Obama administration officials also rejected former Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's offer to sign an executive order granting Americans immunity.

But White House critics, as well as some former administration officials, have suggested that Obama put his desire to end the Iraq war ahead of concerns about the security vacuum the U.S. might leave behind. The president has repeatedly heralded the withdrawal of American forces as the fulfillment of his campaign pledge to bring the unpopular war to a close.

Vali Nasr, who served as a State Department adviser during Obama's first term, said, "The administration's leaning was to say we're going to leave, we really want to find all of the reason why we're able to leave Iraq." What's happened to Iraq since then, he said, appears to have affected the way the administration views the necessity of staying in Afghanistan.

"There's some motivation to avoid Afghanistan turning into a crisis of ISIS magnitude," said Nasr, who is now dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He referred to the Islamic State group by one of its many names.

Even before the rise of the Islamic State group, the White House showed enormous flexibility in trying to get the Afghan deal done. U.S. officials first warned their Afghan counterparts that if the security accord was not signed by the end of 2013, the Pentagon would have to start planning for a full withdrawal. But when the year ended, the White House moved back the deadline, saying Afghan President Hamid Karzai needed to sign off within weeks.

Karzai surprised U.S. officials by ultimately saying he would not sign the accord and would instead leave that task for his successor. But the results of the race to replace Karzai took months resolve, finally coming to a conclusion Monday with the swearing in of Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai as Afghanistan's second elected president. □

## Dallas hospital confirms first ebola case in US

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The person, an adult who was not publicly identified, developed symptoms days after returning to Texas from Liberia and showed no symptoms on the plane, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said the patient came to the U.S. to visit family and

the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Zachary Thompson, director of Dallas County Health & Human Services, said health officials in North Texas are well equipped to care for the patient.

"This is not Africa," he told Dallas station WFAA. "We have a great infrastructure to deal with an outbreak." Twelve other people in the U.S. have been tested for Ebola since July 27, ac-

servation in a similar facility at the National Institutes of Health.

The U.S. has only four such isolation units, but the CDC has insisted that any hospital can safely care for someone with Ebola.

Ebola symptoms can include fever, muscle pain, vomiting and bleeding, and can appear as long as 21 days after exposure to the virus.

Health officials use two



A police car drives past the entrance to the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Dr. Tom Frieden confirmed that a patient at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital has tested positive for Ebola, the first case of the disease to be diagnosed in the United States, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, in Atlanta.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

has been hospitalized since the weekend.

State health officials said no other cases are suspected in Texas.

Specimens from the patient were tested by a state lab and confirmed by a separate test by the Centers for Disease Control, said Carrie Williams, spokeswoman for

cording to the CDC. All of those tests were negative. Four American aid workers who became infected while volunteering in West Africa have been treated in special isolation facilities in hospitals in Atlanta and Nebraska, and a U.S. doctor exposed to the virus in Sierra Leone is under ob-

primary guidelines when deciding whether to test a person for the virus — whether that person has traveled to West Africa and whether he or she has been near friends or relatives or other people who have been exposed to the virus, said CDC spokesman Jason McDonald. □

## California bans single-use plastic bags

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California

**(AP)** — Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday signed legislation imposing the first statewide ban in the U.S. on single-use plastic bags, driven to action by a buildup of litter and damage to aquatic ecosystems.

A national coalition of plastic bag manufacturers immediately said it would seek a voter referendum to repeal the law, which is scheduled to take effect in July 2015. Under the law, plastic bags will be phased out of large grocery stores starting next summer and convenience stores and

pharmacies in 2016. The law allows grocers to charge a fee of at least 10 cents for using paper bags. State Sen. Alex Padilla credits the momentum for statewide legislation to the more than 100 cities and counties, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, that already have such bans. □



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**Oklahoma:**

## Man charged with murder in beheading of co-worker

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An Oklahoma man was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder in the beheading of a co-worker, but federal officials said they had found no links between him and Islamic extremist groups that have beheaded several Western hostages in the Middle East and North Africa in recent weeks.

The accused, Alton Nolen, 30, who worked on the production line of a food processing plant in Moore, Oklahoma, remains in the hospital after being shot by the company's chief operating officer, who is also a reserve deputy sheriff, the

authorities said.

The attack on Friday was apparently spurred by Nolen's suspension from

Vaughan Foods after an employee told supervisors that Nolen had made inflammatory statements



**This photo provided by the Oklahoma DOC shows Alton Nolen, of Moore, Okla. Nolen was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder in the beheading of a co-worker.**

(AP Photo/Oklahoma DOC)

about white people. Nolen is African-American.

Greg Mashburn, the district attorney for Cleveland County, where the attack occurred, said Nolen had used "some Arabic terms during the attack," but did not specify what he had said. Nolen is a recent convert to Islam.

The employee who complained about Nolen's statements about white people, identified by the police as Traci Johnson, 43, was stabbed and slashed in the face and neck during the attack, but has been released from the hospital. It is unclear why Nolen attacked Colleen Hufford, 54, the woman who was beheaded.

In addition to the first-degree murder count for the death of Hufford, prosecutors charged Nolen with attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

If Nolen is convicted of first-degree murder, he faces a potential death sentence under Oklahoma law - a penalty Mashburn said he will likely pursue.

Nolen was interviewed by FBI agents and was "co-operative," according to a law enforcement official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he did not want to be identified discussing an ongoing investigation.

FBI computer technicians and agents also analyzed several of Nolen's electronic devices, including his phone, to determine whether he had links to terrorists, the official said.

The FBI uncovered evidence that Nolen, who called himself Jah'Keem Yisrael on social media, had looked at a wide

range of religious materials, ranging from the Bible to information related to al-Qaida, but found no links to foreign terrorist groups.

"It's a mixed bag so far. Beyond being fired, we haven't found another motive," the official said, referring to Nolen's job suspension.

The official said that the FBI was still analyzing his computer and was attempting to discern whom Nolen interacted with online to determine whether they have links to terrorist groups.

The FBI interviewed Nolen's friends and family, and will be seeking to talk to others across the country in the coming days.

The official said that Nolen, who had posted at least one photo of a beheading on his Facebook page, had experience with knives because of his job at the food processing center. The attack, said Mashburn, was "triggered by him having been suspended earlier that day" combined with "some sort of infatuation with beheadings."

Beginning in 2011, Nolen spent two years in prison for assaulting and fleeing a state highway patrol officer and for drug possession, the authorities said.

Nolen, who has a tattoo of Jesus on his chest and the Arabic phrase "As-salaamu alaikum" ("Peace be with you") on his abdomen, was raised under Christianity, his mother, Joyce Nolen, said in a video posted on Facebook.

"My son was raised up in a loving home," Nolen said. "My son was raised up believing in God. That's what he believes in. My son was a good kid." □

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# Florida loud music killing trial coming to close

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JACKSONVILLE, Florida  
(AP) — Michael Dunn

was shooting to kill, not defending himself, when he fired at 17-year-old Jordan Davis after the two had an argument over loud music outside a Florida convenience store, prosecutors said during closing arguments on Tuesday in the second trial in the case.

Closings began after the 47-year-old Dunn took the witness stand in his own defense, saying he feared for his life when he opened fire in November 2012.

"He wasn't shooting at the tires. He wasn't shooting at the windows. He was shooting to kill. Aiming at Jordan Davis," prosecutor Erin Wolfson told jurors.

Jurors will hear instructions from the judge Wednesday morning, and then will begin deliberations.

Prosecutors say Dunn killed Davis, of Georgia, when he fired 10 times into an SUV carrying four teenagers.

Dunn was convicted of three counts of attempted second-degree murder in February and already faces at least 60 years in prison.

The jury in the first trial deadlocked on the first-degree murder count.

Wolfson argued to the jury that Dunn fired in anger after Davis disrespected him.

"Each time he is making a conscious decision to fire," Wolfson said. "With two hands on the gun, taking aim at Jordan Davis."

Dunn said the problems started when he and his fiancée heard loud bass thumping from an SUV parked next to them after they pulled into a convenience store to buy a bottle of wine. Dunn had just come from his son's wedding.

"I put my window down ... and I said, 'Hey, would you mind turning that down please?'" Dunn said.

Testimony from the other

teenagers in the case said Dunn was angry when he asked them to turn the music down.

The music was turned off for a short time, Dunn said, until he heard a voice from the SUV's backseat yelling curse words, telling someone in front to turn it back up.

Dunn said he was not angry when the music was turned back up, but then things got heated.

"I hear '.... white boy' just impolite things are being said," Dunn said.

Dunn said the man in the backseat then rolled the window down and flashed a gun.

Police found no weapons in Davis' car or near the crime scene.

Dunn said the back door of the SUV opened, and that he grabbed his handgun for which he had a permit, and begun firing.

He continued firing as the SUV sped away.

On cross-examination, Prosecutor John Guy asked Dunn if he knew anyone had been hurt when he started firing into the rear passenger door, and Dunn said no.

Then Dunn told Guy that Davis was outside the car when he was firing. Dunn said he didn't think that he'd hurt anyone, and prosecutors told jurors that he went back to his hotel, had a cocktail, walked his dog, ordered a pizza and went to sleep.

Dunn said he didn't know Davis had died until he saw a report on his cell phone at 1 a.m.

He never made an emergency phone call, prosecutors pointed out.

"And when he realized what happened, he just got in the car and drove home the next morning," Wolfson said. When police called him after getting his identity from his license plate, Dunn was home.

Dunn, from Florida, said he wanted to go home to report the incident to his local sheriff because authorities there were familiar with him. □



Michael Dunn wipes a tear as he testifies during his retrial at the Duval County Courthouse, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, in Jacksonville, Fla. Dunn is being retried on murder charges for the shooting death of 17-year old Jordan Davis in a dispute over loud music at a Jacksonville gas station in November of 2012. Dunn was found guilty of three counts of attempted murder and one count of shooting or throwing a deadly missile during his previous trial, but the jury was deadlocked on the murder charge. (AP Photo/Bruce Lipsky)

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## School spending by affluent is widening wealth gap

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Education is supposed to help bridge the gap between the wealthiest people and everyone else. Ask the experts, and they'll count the ways:

Preschool can lift children from poverty. Top high schools prepare students for college. A college de-

eraging \$253,146 — went in a different direction: They doubled down on their kids' futures.

Their average education spending per child jumped 35 percent to \$5,210 a year during the recession compared with the two preceding years — and they sustained that faster pace through the recovery. For the remaining 90 percent

college and the prospect of future job security and high salaries.

The trend emerged gradually over the past three decades but accelerated during the worst economic slump since the 1930s. Now, enrollments at pricier private schools are climbing. Parents are bidding up home prices in top public school districts. Pay is surg-

jumped 36 percent, according to federal data. The intensified reach for the costliest schools occurred even as enrollment in private schools overall fell.

"What we know about parents who send their kids to private school is that by and large they place a very high priority on education," said John Chubb, president of the National Association of Independent Schools. "As prices go up, they may be frustrated and angry, but they find a way to make it work."

Most families can't compete. Incomes have barely budged for most Americans since 1980 after accounting for inflation. For the top 10 percent, IRS data show pay has jumped 80 percent after inflation. For the top 1 percent, it's soared 177 percent.

The education divide has grown despite the multi-decade presence of Head Start, the federal program for nutrition and early childhood education. Most states rely primarily on a private pre-school system that can reinforce the wealth gap, said Sean Reardon, a Stanford University professor who has studied education and income inequality.

Among those spending more is Marisela Martinez-Cola's family. A suburban Atlanta mother, Martinez-Cola sends her 7-year-old son to private school and has hired a tutor to improve his reading — expenses made possible by her husband's salary as a regional buyer for Costco Wholesale.

Many families also pay a premium to live in top public school districts. Homes in top-rated school zones

command a 32 percent premium over the national average, real estate data firm Trulia has found.

On top of that, there are the tutors. An average SAT tutor advertised through WyzAnt charges \$51.20 an hour, double the average U.S. wage.

The disparity in spending patterns creates a hurdle for reducing income inequality through additional education — the preferred solution of many economists.

Thomas Piketty, the French economist whose exploration of tax data helped expose the wealth gap, has argued that education "is the most powerful equalizing force in the long run." Affluent parents tend to get what they pay for: Their children score 125 points higher on SATs than those from the poorest homes, up from a gap of 90 points during the 1980s, according to research by Reardon, the Stanford professor.

"The worry is that it becomes a feedback loop, where the children of the rich do the best in school, and those who do best in school become rich," Reardon said.

Some middle-income parents have come to feel that personal sacrifices are an acceptable price for giving their child a potential edge. Tysha Wheeler-Timmons of Rahway, New Jersey, a contract coordinator for a pharmaceutical company who is married to a truck driver, earns modest pay. But she took a part-time security job to pay for \$3,000 in tutoring for her daughter, Shayla, a high school senior aiming for an Ivy League bioengineering degree. □



**Marisela Martinez-Cola, right, a lawyer and a parent living in an Atlanta suburb with her husband Greg, left, and their 7-year-old son, David, pose for photos as they prepare for a typical school and work day in Lawrenceville, Ga. The couple sends their son to private school and has hired a tutor to improve David's reading — expenses made possible by Greg's salary as a regional buyer for Costco Wholesale. (AP Photo/David Tulis)**

gree boosts pay over a lifetime. And the U.S. economy would grow faster if more people stayed in school longer.

Plenty of data back them up. But the data also show something else:

Wealthier parents have been stepping up education spending so aggressively that they're widening the nation's wealth gap. When the Great Recession struck in late 2007 and squeezed most family budgets, the top 10 percent of earners — with incomes av-

of households, such spending averaged around a flat \$1,000, according to research by Emory University sociologist Sabino Kornrich. "People at the top just have so much income now that they're easily able to spend more on their kids," Kornrich said.

The sums being spent by wealthier parents amount to a kind of calculated investment in their children. Research has linked the additional dollars to increased SAT scores, a greater likelihood of graduating from

ing for SAT tutors, who now average twice the median U.S. hourly wage of \$24.45. The patterns suggest that the wealth gap could widen in coming years, analysts say.

"If you're at the bottom and the top keeps pulling away, you're just further behind," said Melissa Kearney, a senior economics fellow at the Brookings Institution. Between 2007 and 2011, enrollment at private elementary and secondary schools whose annual tuition averaged \$28,340



## US Financial Front:

# American consumer confidence slides in September

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. consumer confidence deteriorated in September after hitting the highest level in nearly seven years in August. But economists said the fall appears to be a temporary slip that shouldn't dampen con-

said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors.

Naroff said he would only be concerned if he began to see reports indicating a weakening economy. He predicted that confidence would rebound and that the September slip would have no effect on consum-

Various analysts said they expect confidence to turn higher in the coming months, especially if other data such as unemployment reveal strength.



Douglas De Leo hands customers a bag of produce at the Kalamazoo Farmers Market in Kalamazoo, Mich. The Conference Board released the Consumer Confidence Index for September on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014.

(AP Photo/Katie Alaimo)

sumer spending in the coming months.

The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its confidence index fell to 86.0, the lowest point since a May reading of 82.2. It was the first decline after four months of gains and followed a revised 93.4 in August, which had been the highest reading since October 2007, two months before the Great Recession officially began.

Economists had expected a slight decline in September after the index hit a nearly seven-year high, but the size of the drop surprised them. Some suggested that the result may have been influenced by heightened global tensions as the conflict against Middle East militants widens. Analysts said consumers should have felt better during the month, in light of a number of positive economic developments, including a sizable drop in gasoline prices in recent weeks.

"I think this was more political than economic because the economic news has been generally good,"

er spending.

Both the gauge that tracks consumers' feelings about current conditions and the reading of future expectations fell in September.

"Consumers were less confident about the short-term outlook for the economy and labor market and somewhat mixed regarding their future earnings potential," said Conference Board economist Lynn Franco said.

The September decline stood in contrast to a separate consumer sentiment survey released last week by the University of Michigan. Its index climbed in September to the highest level since July 2013.

It is not unusual for the two confidence gauges to show different readings in any given month since the surveys are influenced by events occurring when the responses are being collected, Naroff said.

The fall in the Conference Board index was the biggest monthly drop since October 2013, when consumers were rattled by the 16-day partial federal government shutdown.

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## Study: Gambling industry worth \$240B, 1.7M jobs

**KIMBERLY PIERCEALL**  
**Associated Press**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — U.S. casinos and the makers of the games found inside had a \$240 billion economic impact and employed 1.7 million people in 2013, a study shows. That includes \$38 billion in local, state and federal taxes the industry said it paid last year in gambling fees, property taxes, income taxes and more. Unlike prior studies, the report included the impact tribal gambling and some legal online gaming has had on the economy. The American Gaming Association was expected to announce the results of the study at a Tuesday news conference. The Associated Press obtained an advance copy. The group's annual G2E Global Gaming Expo is being held this week at the Sands Expo and Conven-



People look at slot machines at the Ballys Technology booth during the Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas. U.S. casinos and the makers of the games found inside had a \$240 billion economic impact and employed 1.7 million people in 2013, a study shows.

(AP Photo/John Locher)

tion Center in Las Vegas. Economics, took into account everything from wagers by gamblers doubling-down to tourists buying gas,

meals or tickets to a show. The numbers didn't surprise David Schwartz, director of the Gaming Research Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"I think it's an important part of telling the whole story," he said. That story, he said, includes not only casino gambling but the industry's impact as hoteliers, retailers and others. What got the gambling industry to this point isn't going to keep it thriving, though, said Geoff Freeman, the association's president. With growing competition, Freeman said the industry needs to seek regulatory changes that can help make the business more efficient and free up companies to be more innovative, he said.

The industry has suffered particularly in Atlantic City, where four casinos have closed this year leaving 8,000 people out of work.

Oxford Economics looked at regulatory data, federal labor statistics and surveyed casinos for the study. It included spending and revenue in the report that might be linked but not directly connected to a casino.

James Murren, CEO and chairman of MGM Resorts International, told a G2E conference crowd that 70 percent of his company's Las Vegas revenue comes from non-gambling sources, including 7 million tickets sold for entertainment performances last year.

"Non-gaming has exploded for us," he said.

G2E is a trade show and conference where new slot machine designs, wagering technology, and food and beverage concepts often debut. The show has attracted 26,000 attendees in past years. □

## US home prices rise at slowest pace in 20 months

**C. S. RUGABER**  
**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. home prices in July increased at the slowest pace in 20 months, reflecting sluggish sales and a greater supply of houses for sale.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 6.7 percent in July from 12 months earlier. That's down from an 8.1 percent gain in June and the smallest increase since November 2012.

Sales of existing homes have been weak for most of this year. They picked up over the summer but then fell in August and are 5.3 percent lower than a year ago.

The slowdown has occurred partly because in-



Developer Michael Capponi, left, talks with real estate broker Massimo Nicastro, right, of South Beach Estates, at a waterfront property he renovated, during a viewing for brokers, in Miami Beach, Fla. Standard & Poor's released S&P/Case-Shiller index of home prices for July on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

vestors are pulling back from the housing market. Meanwhile, many would-be buyers are unable to obtain a mortgage, particularly first-time buyers.

Nineteen of the 20 cities in the index reported lower annual gains than in June. And a new broader index of nationwide home prices compiled by S&P rose just 5.6 percent.

The Case-Shiller 20-city index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The July figures are the latest available.

Even cities that have seen the biggest price gains are cooling off. Las Vegas' 12.8 percent price increase from a year ago was the highest of the 20 cities tracked by Case-Shiller. But that's down from a nearly 30 percent jump last year.

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# Kurds claim advances in Iraq as Britain joins fray

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RYAN LUCAS

Associated Press

SALHIYAH, Iraq (AP) —

Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq captured a border crossing with Syria on Tuesday, expelling Islamic State militants in heavy fighting that ground down to vicious house-to-house combat and close quarters sniping.

In neighboring Syria, Kurdish militiamen were on the defensive as the extremists pressed ahead with a relentless assault on a town near the Turkish border. The attack on Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, has driven more than 160,000 people across the frontier in the past few days.

Iraqi Kurdish fighters, known as peshmerga, were doing the bulk of the fighting on the ground as a U.S.-led coalition carried out an aerial assault against the Islamic State group in both Iraq and Syria. Britain joined the air campaign Tuesday, carrying out its first strikes against the extremists in Iraq — though it does not plan to expand into Syria.

The goal of the campaign is to push back the militant group that has declared a self-styled caliphate, or Islamic state, ruled by its brutal interpretation of Islam in territory it has seized across much of Iraq and Syria.

On Tuesday, Kurdish fighters in Iraq said they saw some of the heaviest fighting yet. Peshmerga spokesman Halgurd Hekmat told The Associated Press the Kurds seized the border crossing of Rabia, which the extremists captured in their blitz across Iraq over the summer.

Rami Abdurrahman, the director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, also said the Kurds had retaken the

border post. He said Syrian Kurdish militiamen, who control the Syrian side of the frontier, had helped in the fight.

Kurds wounded in the fighting were brought to a makeshift clinic in the town of Salhiyah, where dusty and exhausted, they described savage battles, with militants sniping at them from inside homes and from the windows of a hospital in Rabia.

"They're such good fighters," said one soldier, resting outside the clinic on a rock surrounded by blood-soaked bandages. He refused to be identified because he was not a senior officer. "They're fighting with weapons the Iraqi military abandoned — so, American weapons really." Fighters at the clinic described how the peshmerga first took the town of Mahmoudiya near the Syrian border on Monday, then moved down the highway to assault Rabia. The two sides had intense clashes overnight, with Islamic State group snipers shooting from inside houses and setting off roadside bombs.

Peshmerga fighters advanced on a five-story hospital in the city, only to be ambushed by some two dozen militants inside, the fighters said.

Hekmat said the Kurdish fighters intended to push further south toward the town of Sinjar, which the extremists took last month, prompting the flight of members of the small Yazidi religious sect.

In Britain's first airstrikes of the campaign, two Tornado jets hit a heavy weapons post and an armored vehicle being used by the militants to attack Kurdish forces in northwest Iraq, British Defense Secretary

Michael Fallon said in London.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby said the U.S. and its coalition partners conducted 20 strikes in

having an effect because the extremists have changed their tactics — blending in more with the local population, dispersing and refraining from communicating as openly

into a false sense of security by accurate airstrikes," he said. "We will not, we cannot bomb them into obscurity."

In northern Syria, Islamic State group fighters have



In this image released by Britain's Royal Air Force Tuesday Sept. 30, 2014, an RAF Tornado GR4 warplane lands at RAF Akrotiri Cyprus airbase, on returning from an armed mission in support of Operation Shader, the British armed forces operation against Islamic State group militants in Iraq. (AP Photo / RAF, Cpl Neil Bryden)

Iraq and Syria against fixed and mobile targets. So far, about 306 air attacks have been conducted — more than 230 in Iraq and the rest in Syria, he said.

He said the strikes were

as they once did. But, he said, that "doesn't mean they aren't still trying, and in some cases succeeding, at taking and holding ground."

"No one should be lulled

pushed ahead with an assault for days trying to take the beleaguered Kurdish town of Kobani near the Syrian-Turkish border — despite U.S. airstrikes on their positions. □

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# Hong Kong leader refuses to meet with protesters

**JOANNA CHIU**  
**Associated Press**

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Hong Kong's leader refused to meet with pro-democracy demonstrators by their midnight deadline Tuesday, despite their threats to expand the street protests that have posed the stiffest challenge to Beijing's authority since China took control of the former British colony in 1997.

With tens of thousands of people clogging the streets of the Asian financial center, protesters counted down to midnight and cheered as the deadline passed.

Some then began crowding into areas near the city's waterfront Bauhinia Square, where they expected Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying

to attend a flag-raising early Wednesday in honor of National Day, the anniversary of the founding of communist China in 1949. British Prime Minister David Cameron, meanwhile, said he planned to summon the Chinese ambassador to discuss the dispute, saying it is essential that Hong Kong's people have a genuine right to choose their top leader.

China took control of Hong Kong under an arrangement that guaranteed its 7 million people semi-autonomy, Western-style civil liberties and eventual democratic freedoms that are denied to Chinese living on the communist-ruled mainland.

The protesters want a reversal of a recent decision by China's government to

screen all candidates in the territory's first direct elections, scheduled for 2017 — a move they view as renegeing on a promise that the chief executive will be chosen through "universal suffrage."

choice." Beijing-backed Leung's rejection of the student demands dashed hopes for a quick resolution of the five-day standoff that has blocked city streets and forced some schools and

clashed with the people, adding: "This is a test of Hong Kong people's endurance of a peaceful act of requesting democracy, and so far the citizens have demonstrated a united spirit and discipline."



A student protester rests next to a defaced cut-out of Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying at one of their protest sites around the government headquarters, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, in Hong Kong. Pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong set a Wednesday deadline for the city's unpopular Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying to meet their demands for genuine democracy and for him to step down as leader of Hong Kong, after spending another night blocking streets in an unprecedented show of civil disobedience.

(AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

"It is not for us to involve ourselves in every dot and comma of what the Chinese set out," Cameron said in England. But he added: "I think it is a critical question.

Real universal suffrage doesn't just mean the act of voting; it means a proper

offices to close. "Frankly, if I was a government official, I would not have a clue how to solve this," said Chit Lau, a 35-year-old pilot.

He predicted the stalemate would continue until Leung or some other top official resigned, or the army

It was unclear what the demonstrators planned to do next. There were no immediate speeches or official statements from the protesters, who chanted "Jiayou! Jiayou!" — "Keep it up!" — while waving their cellphone flashlights in the dark. □

## Imprisoned killer Van der Sloot a father

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — Imprisoned Dutch killer Joran van der Sloot is now a father. Van der Sloot attorney Maximo Altez says the girl was born Sunday in Lima, Peru — far from the remote prison where van der Sloot is serving a 28-year sen-

tence for killing a Peruvian business student in 2010. He also remains the chief suspect in the 2005 disappearance of U.S. teenager Natalee Holloway in Aruba. Altez says the child is named Dushy after van der Sloot's grandmother.

Van der Sloot married 24-year-old Leidy Figueroa in July.

A month later, authorities sent him to a prison high in the Andes, saying he had threatened to kill the warden of the lockup near Lima. □

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## Ukrainians gear up for winter without Russian gas

LAURA MILLS  
Associated Press

**KIEV, Ukraine (AP)** — For Alexei Polezhai, who sells water heaters and wood-burning stoves at his two shops in Kiev, sales this fall have been remarkably good considering the dramatic collapse in the rest of the Ukrainian economy this year.

Ukrainians are rushing to insulate their walls, seal up drafty windows and snap up heating equipment as the possibility sets in that they may be about to experience their first winter without Russian gas.

Russia stopped gas deliveries to Ukraine in June after Kiev failed to pay what Moscow said it owed in arrears. As the two sides play brinkmanship over whether to sign a stopgap deal that would provide Kiev with enough gas to get through the winter, many Ukrainians are left wondering whether they may have to fend for themselves in the coldest months. Ukraine has some gas stored, but it will not last through the winter.

"People are afraid they will turn off the gas supply entirely," said Polezhai. Demand for his water heaters is about 15 times higher than normal, and sales for wood-burning stoves are also up dramatically. The warehouses where he buys the water heaters have hiked up prices by up to 50 percent.

"What to some is war, to others is profit," he joked. Whereas Oct. 1 typically is the date when central heating is turned on for the winter, first in public buildings and by the middle of the month in residential buildings, this year the government has warned it won't supply heat until early November, when tem-

peratures can easily dip below freezing.

For more rural residents, preparing for that means chopping extra wood or buying a wood-burning stove. For city residents, options are more limited: They are stocking up on blankets, buying water heaters and insulating their homes, but otherwise are simply left to cross their fingers.

Russian and Ukrainian negotiators are expected to resume talks this week in Berlin on a gas deal proposed by the European Union. But Kiev is continuing to talk tough, despite the fact that it previously has relied on Russia for about 60 percent of its gas.

The reason is that the stakes are high for Russia, as well. It uses the pipelines that cross Ukraine to deliver about half of the gas it supplies to Europe. And if Ukraine is desperate enough to start siphoning off gas for its own consumption, Russia would be left either to turn a blind eye or cut off supplies to much of Europe — its largest market — further damaging its reputation and hurting its profits.

"We're playing a game of chicken where the risks are too great," said Andrew Neff, an analyst at IHS Energy. "Nobody wants to go into the winter with this hanging over their heads." The Ukrainian government already is advising people to be prepared for a rough winter.

"It will not be easy," Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said during an interview with a Ukrainian network. "I warn you right away that it won't be warm, but we won't freeze."

Kiev Mayor Vitaly Klitschko last week said households will be approximately 2 degrees Celsius (almost 4



Workers insulate the outer wall of a building in Kiev, Ukraine. Ukrainians are rushing to insulate their walls, seal up drafty windows and snap up heating equipment as the possibility sets in that they may be about to experience their first winter without Russian gas.

(AP Photo/Sergei Chuzavkov.)

degrees Fahrenheit) colder than in previous years and hot water, which already has been turned off for weeks at a time, will be less readily available.

Many people, like cello teacher Anna Goncharova, are trying other ways to keep the cold out. She has

replaced her old windows, insulated the walls of her apartment, and bought a pile of blankets.

"We're hoping we won't freeze," she said. "I truly hope that somehow we'll find an agreement with Russia. ... This can't happen in the civilized world."

Yatsenyuk said in early September that Ukraine had some 16.7 billion cubic meters of gas in storage, but the country will need approximately double that to survive the winter, and without Russian gas it would be left to rely on already minimal supplies from Europe. □



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## EU: Apple gets illegal tax benefits

JUERGEN BAETZ  
Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Apple risks having to repay Ireland tax rebates worth billions of dollars after the European Union's competition watchdog said Tuesday the company appears to be benefiting from illegal tax deals there.

In a preliminary report into the company's overseas tax practices, the 28-nation bloc's executive Commission said the low tax treatment Ireland is granting Apple counts as state aid and could be illegal under EU law.

rebate granted to Apple is illegal and must be recouped, wholly or partially. The EU probe focuses on exaggerated transfer pricing, where one part of a company charges another part an inflated price for goods or services to shift profits to low-tax locations. If Apple had to repay some taxes, the money would come as a windfall to Irish state coffers. However, fearful of losing its reputation as a business-friendly country with low corporate taxes, the Irish government is adamant that no EU rules have been breached.

provide a consistent explanation for the agreed tax rates. It did not publish an estimate for Apple's effective tax rate in Ireland.

Apple maintains it has not received a favorable treatment in Ireland.

"We're subject to the same tax laws as the countless other companies who do business in Ireland," the company said in an emailed statement. "Apple has received no selective treatment from Irish officials over the years."

The company added that its tax payments to Ireland increased tenfold since



**A group of visitors to the Apple store descends a staircase to the showroom below to purchase the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, in New York. The European Union's competition watchdog is moving ahead with an inquiry of Apple's overseas tax practices, saying Ireland appears to grant the company illegal rebates that may have to be recouped.**

(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

If the finding is confirmed, Apple Inc. could face a huge repayment bill because it funnels the bulk of its international sales through subsidiaries in Ireland.

To keep market competition fair, the EU forbids governments from helping individual companies. The EU first announced the tax probe in June, also targeting coffee chain Starbucks and others as part of a crackdown on multinationals exploiting tax loopholes. The EU Commission is now requesting further documents from Ireland before making a legally binding decision on whether the

The Commission said the tax deals Ireland struck with Apple in 1991 and in 2007 show "several inconsistencies" and may not comply with international taxation standards. The Brussels-based executive body also was critical of the fact that Apple's applicable tax rate appears to have been the result of "a negotiation rather than a pricing methodology" which a "prudent, independent" tax authority should not have accepted.

The Commission added documents provided by Irish authorities, including minutes of meetings with Apple's tax advisers, fail to

it launched its first iPhone in 2007. In the statement, Apple also said that on a global level, "comprehensive corporate tax reform is badly needed."

Apple's tax practices have also attracted scrutiny in the United States, where a Senate Committee last year published a scathing report on the Cupertino-based firm's tax schemes. The report held up Apple as an example of legal tax avoidance made possible by the complicated U.S. tax code, estimating the firm avoided at least \$3.5 billion in U.S. federal taxes in 2011 and \$9 billion in 2012 by using its tax strategy. □

## ECB under pressure as inflation tumbles again

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Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Inflation across the 18 euro countries dipped further toward zero in September, piling pressure on the European Central Bank to pull the trigger on its biggest stimulus weapon — a large-scale program to create new money.

Expectations that the bank will back such a program — similar to the one pursued by the U.S. Federal Reserve — mounted Tuesday after official figures showed consumer prices in the eurozone rose only 0.3 percent in the 12 months to September.

The decline from the previous month's 0.4 percent annual rate leaves inflation at its lowest since October 2009 and way below the ECB's target of just under 2 percent.

Though the fall was largely due to a big 2.4 percent drop in energy prices and was widely anticipated in financial markets, a closer look shows a worrying underlying trend — the core inflation rate, which excludes energy, tobacco, alcohol and food, fell to 0.7 percent from 0.9 percent.

"This is a serious blow to those still arguing that the weakness of inflation will be temporary," said Jennifer McKeown, senior European economist at Capital Economics.

Traders think it's now more likely that the ECB will back large-scale purchases of government bonds with newly created money — called quantitative easing, or QE — though not at this Thursday's meeting. For now, it is likely to want to see whether other stimulus measures it unveiled in June and in September have an impact.

Following the inflation figures' publication, the euro fell as low as \$1.2571, the first time it's been below \$1.26 since the summer of 2012, when ECB President Mario Draghi said the bank would do "whatever it takes" to save the euro. By late afternoon, it was down 0.5 percent at \$1.2625.

Because QE would increase the amount of euros in the economy, diluting their value, expectations of such a program from the ECB have weighed on the currency.

It's down 9 percent against the dollar since May and its further drop on Tuesday suggests traders are preparing for the possibility of QE in coming months. Obstacles remain, however.

Some countries, particularly Germany, Europe's powerhouse economy, are worried that QE would amount to ECB financing for governments. Draghi has also been resisting calls for QE by insisting governments should speed up reforms to make their economies grow faster.

"I believe he will succumb to this pressure eventually, though perhaps not as soon as Thursday's policy announcement," said Ben Brettell, senior economist at stockbrokers Hargreaves Lansdown.

"Stiff opposition from Germany will need to be overcome."

The key will be whether economic indicators improve in coming months. If they do not, Draghi has said the ECB is ready to do more to help the economy.

The sharp fall in the euro could be a deciding factor as it should help growth by boosting exports and lift inflation by raising the price of imports.

French Economy Minister Emmanuel Macron said the weakening euro is "very good news" for the country's industries, such as carmakers Renault, PSA Peugeot-Citroen and plane maker Airbus. □





## Successful First-Ever Bloggers Weekend Held on Aruba

**PALM BEACH** – On Thursday September 25 a welcome reception at Boardwalk Small Hotel marked the official opening of a Bloggers Weekend in Aruba now taking place until Sunday September 28. It is the first time ever for an entire hotel in Aruba to close its doors for the purpose of hosting bloggers only.

A group of 15 international bloggers from the UK, the Netherlands, Sweden, Chile, Canada, USA, Brazil and Colombia is currently hosted in Aruba to experience all good things the island has to offer. Dedicated 'Treasure Boxes' were handed to all bloggers, offering a selection of the best hot spots and hidden gems in Aruba for them to enjoy and explore.

The welcome reception at Boardwalk brought a variety of local flavors to the bloggers. There was music from a traditional 'caha di



island on their own, based on a Treasure Box is a very innovative approach to tourism and ATA applauds Boardwalk for taking this initiative. We hope all participants in this Bloggers Weekend will unveil many new treasures in Aruba and share their discoveries



orgel' and steel pan band A Touch of Steel and local food featuring fresh fish and 'ban boyo' on a lollipop stick. Works of local artists Elisa Lejuez, Nigel Matthew and Fernando Vermeer are featured in all of Boardwalk's casitas and therefore some of their

artwork was displayed creatively in the palm fringed garden.

Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes addressed the international bloggers on behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority expressing her support for this initiative. "Enabling all bloggers to explore the

with us."

Kimberly Rooijackers, hotel manager of Boardwalk elaborated on the hotel concept, the unique Treasure Box guest amenity and the Bloggers Weekend. "This is such a dream come true for us", said Kimberly. "Together with my twin sister Stephanie and the team here at Boardwalk we put our passion for Aruba into every single service and experience we deliver at our hotel. Being 'yiu di tera' (children of the land, born in Aruba) and infected with the island vibe, we want to share our knowledge of the best Aruba has to offer.

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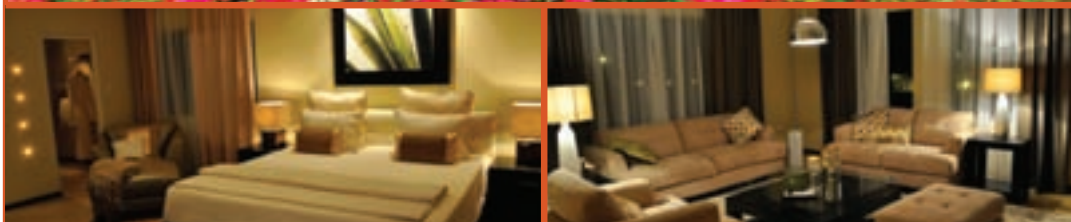
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In this Aug. 20, 2014, file photo, U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps attends a press conference ahead of the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Gold Coast, Australia.

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## Olympian Michael Phelps apologizes for arrest

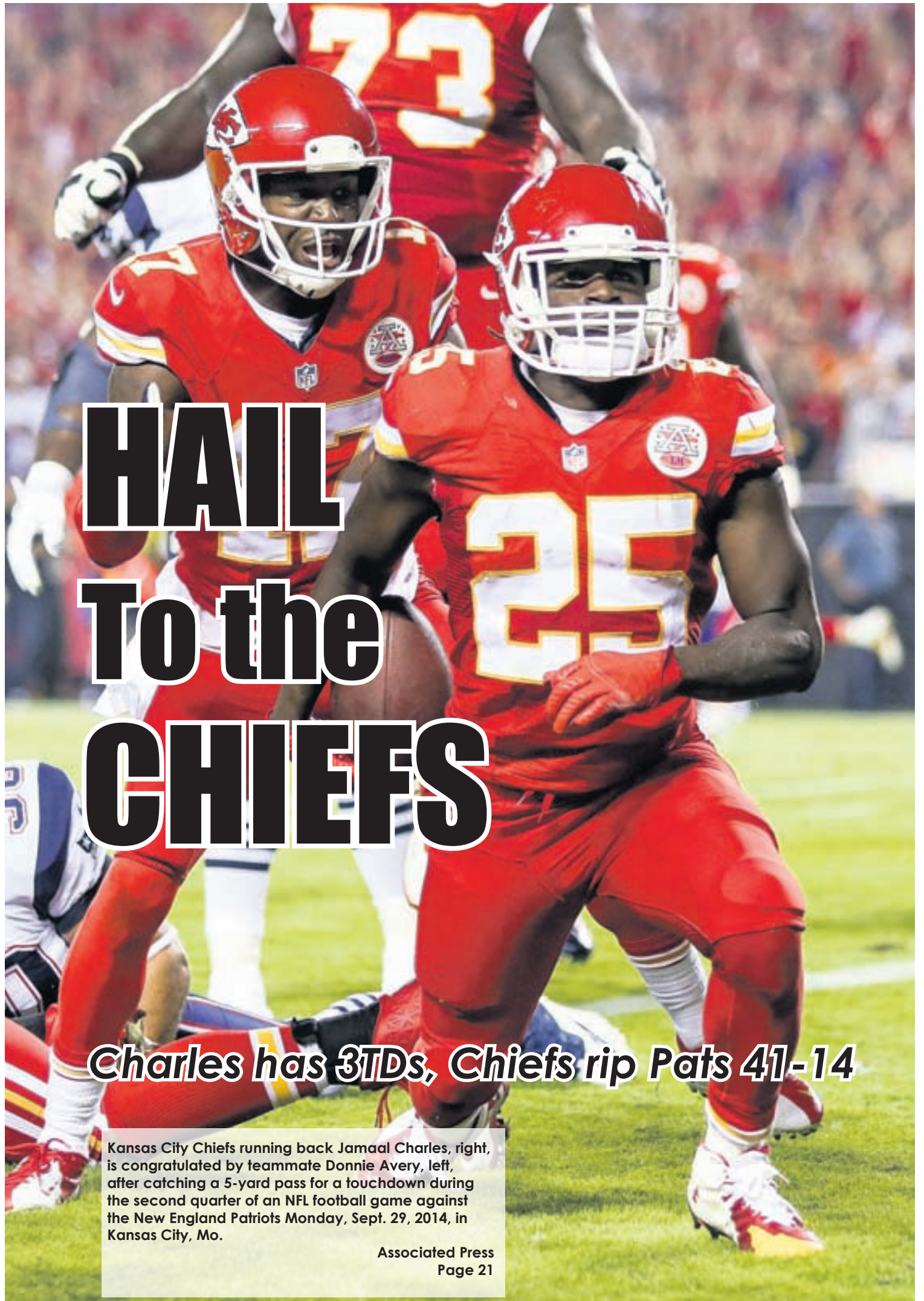
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**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Olympic great Michael Phelps apologized Tuesday for his latest brush with the law, saying he was “deeply sorry to everyone I have let down” with an arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Police charged the 18-time Olympic champion after officers said he was speeding and failed field sobriety tests when pulled over in his native Baltimore early Tuesday.

This is the second time Phelps has been arrested for DUI, the first coming in 2004 after he competed at the Athens Olympics. He also was photographed using a marijuana pipe after the 2008 Beijing Games, which resulted in a three-month suspension from USA Swimming.

“I understand the severity of my actions and take full responsibility,” Phelps, the most decorated Olympic athlete of all time, said in a statement. “I know these words may not mean much right now but I am deeply sorry to everyone I have let down.” □



# HAIL To the CHIEFS

**Charles has 3TDs, Chiefs rip Pats 41-14**

Kansas City Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles, right, is congratulated by teammate Donnie Avery, left, after catching a 5-yard pass for a touchdown during the second quarter of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots Monday, Sept. 29, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

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# Nadal dominates in return at China Open



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot from Richard Gasquet of France during the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, China, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014.

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**JUSTIN BERGMAN**  
Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)** — Rafael Nadal made a dominant return to tennis after a two-month injury layoff, beating Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-0 at the China Open on Tuesday. Novak Djokovic and Andy

Murray also advanced to the second round in vastly different fashion.

The top-ranked Djokovic improved to 20-0 at the China Open with a routine 6-2, 6-1 win over Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, while Murray took 2 1/2

hours to put away Poland's Jerzy Janowicz 6-7 (9), 6-4, 6-2.

Nadal injured his right wrist while practicing on his home island of Majorca in late July, missing the entire North American hard-court season, including the de-

fense of his title at the U.S. Open.

He hadn't played a match since his surprising fourth-round exit at Wimbledon to Australian teenager Nick Kyrgios, but the 14-time major winner never looked in trouble against Gasquet, a semifinalist at the 2013 U.S. Open who has slumped to 22nd in the rankings.

The second-seeded Spaniard looked energetic from the start, repeatedly running around his backhand to hit winners with his looping forehand, and showed good timing at the net. He saved all three break points he faced to improve his record against Gasquet to 13-0.

As impressive as he looked in his return, however, Nadal said it will be difficult to perform well against loaded fields in Beijing and next week at the Shanghai Masters.

"I am less favored this year than other years," he said. "The draws are very hard. Very difficult players. Every single round is so tough. Every victory is very important for me."

"Today, I don't aspire to win tournaments here in Asia. I go day by day."

Djokovic has proved difficult to beat in Beijing, winning four titles in five years. He typically plays well during the Asian swing after the U.S. Open, a time of year when other players complain about the grind of the tennis season.

The Serb said his focus was no different this time, even with the impending birth of his first child a month from now.

"Most of the players do feel a little bit exhausted," he said. "But I'm fighting for No. 1 of the world. Of course, every tournament is important. This is already a huge motivation."

Murray is coming off a title run last week at the Shenzhen Open, a tournament

he entered to try to improve his ranking enough to qualify for the ATP Finals in London.

With only a day of rest, Murray was made to work hard to win his opener in Beijing, too. After falling into a 5-1 hole in the first set against Janowicz, he battled back to force the tiebreak, only to lose the decider 11-9.

"I would have rather lost the set 6-1 than putting all of that work in and not getting a reward for it," he said. "But I was really happy with the way I managed to fight through in the end."

On the women's side, Serena Williams had a far easier time than she did in her opening match, topping Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria 6-2, 6-3. A day earlier, Williams came from 5-0 down to beat Silvia Soler-Espinosa.

"I wanted to start out strong, so that was the main difference, was just making sure I was able to win a game early on," she said.

Fourth-seeded Maria Sharapova also moved on with a 6-2, 6-2 second-round win over Elina Svitolina of Ukraine and Venus Williams avenged a loss to France's Caroline Garcia at last week's Wuhan Open with a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

Second-seeded Simona Halep won a tight match against 167th-ranked Lin Zhu of China, 7-5, 6-4, and No. 9 seed Ana Ivanovic of Serbia defeated Romina Oprandi of Italy 6-4, 6-2.

Agnieszka Radwanska's late-season slide continued, however, with a 6-4, 6-4 loss to Roberta Vinci of Italy. Since winning the Canadian Open in August, the fifth-seeded Pole hasn't advanced past the quarterfinals in her last five events.

No. 8 seed Eugenie Bouchard, a finalist in Wuhan, also fell to Sabine Lisicki of Germany 6-2, 6-4.



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## Trout, Strasburg giving MLB playoffs a fresh look

**BEN WALKER**

**AP Baseball Writer**

So, is this the year of Buck Showalter, Bryce Harper and a Beltway Series? Or perhaps Albert Pujols, Yasiel Puig and a Freeway Series? Maybe a Bay Area matchup or something from the Show Me State.

Plenty of World Series possibilities this year. And a lot to enjoy way before we get there, now that the Major League Baseball playoff brackets are set.

It took the last day of the regular season to settle three division races on Sunday, a final afternoon that featured Derek Jeter's farewell and Jordan Zimmermann's no-hitter.

"Just an epic day for an epic season," Washington Nationals outfielder Denard Span said.

A look ahead:

**FRESH FACES:** Mike Trout, Stephen Strasburg and Adam Dunn all get their first playoff chance. Favored for the American League MVP after two near-misses, Trout can boost his stature even more when the Los Angeles Angels host the AL wild card in the best-of-five division opener on Thursday. Strasburg is raring to go after Washington held him out of the 2012 postseason because of a pitch limit, a decision that still rankles some in D.C. — the Nationals host the National League wild card on Friday. Dunn has played 2,001 games, the most by any active big leaguer never in the playoffs. The slugging designated hitter tries to help Oakland advance in the AL wild-card game late Tuesday at Kansas City, while the Royals make their first playoff appearance since 1985.

**LATE LIFTS:** Pitchers Jon Lester, David Price and Houston Street were each traded



Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout runs to first after hitting a two-run home run during the third inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, in Anaheim, Calif.

Associated Press

in midseason, deals designed with big games in mind. Price delivered the AL Central crown to Detroit on Sunday, and will pitch again when the Tigers take on Baltimore. Lester tries to extend his postseason brilliance when he starts for the A's against James Shields in the wild-card game — the former Boston lefty is 3-0 vs. the Royals this season. Street has smoothly fit into the closer's role for the Angels.

**MOST VALUABLE PLANS:** San Francisco catcher Buster Posey and Pittsburgh center fielder Andrew McCutchen split the last two NL MVP awards, but Posey has a couple of things McCutchen really wants — namely, a pair of World Series rings. By late Wednesday, only

one of the stars will have a chance to earn the jewelry this year. Posey and the Giants visit McCutchen and the Pirates in the NL wild-card late Wednesday, with San Francisco's Madison Bumgarner set to start

against Edinson Volquez. **BANGED UP:** Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw and St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina each spent time on the disabled list this year. Healthy now, they meet in a neat

Game 1 on Friday in Los Angeles — it'll be 20-game winner Adam Wainwright vs. Kershaw, fresh off becoming the first pitcher to lead the majors in ERA for four straight years.

Still to be determined: How much will Josh Hamilton play for the Angels? The former MVP has been limited to just one game since Sept. 4 because of side and shoulder injuries.

Definitely out: Baltimore Orioles third baseman Manny Machado and catcher Matt Wieters, both gone after season-ending surgery.

**THE DRUG CLOUD:** Someday, maybe doping won't be so intertwined with home runs, RBIs and ERA. But banned drugs are still a part of the conversation. Orioles slugger Chris Davis, the MLB home run champ last year, was suspended for 25 games in mid-September after a positive test for an amphetamine. He's out at least through the division series. Baltimore's Nelson Cruz led the majors with 40 homers this year and Jhonny Peralta hit a team-leading 21 for St. Louis — both players were suspended for 50 games last year in the Biogenesis investigation. □

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# Oakland Raiders fire coach Dennis Allen

**JOSH DUBOW**

**AP Sports Writer**

**ALAMEDA, California (AP)**

— The Oakland Raiders fired coach Dennis Allen on Monday, just four games — and four losses — into his third season.

The decision was announced soon after the Raiders returned from London where they lost their 10th straight game dating back to last season, 34-14 to the Miami Dolphins. The firing was first reported by Fox Sports.

Allen was the first head coach hired by Oakland after the death of longtime owner Al Davis. His 8-28 win-loss record is the worst for the club since before Davis arrived in 1963.

An announcement on the interim coach will come Tuesday, with offensive line coach Tony Sparano and offensive coordinator Greg Olson the most likely op-



In this Nov. 28, 2013, file photo, Oakland Raiders head coach Dennis Allen coaches during the second half of an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas.

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tions.

The Raiders have had 11 straight seasons of more losses than wins and no playoff berths. Oakland will now have its eighth coach since 2003.

Allen and general manager Reggie McKenzie were hired after the team finished 8-8 under coach Hue Jackson in 2011, falling one game short of a playoff bid. They were expected to

steady a franchise that ran into disrepair during Davis' final years as owner. Instead, the team has become worse.

The two were hamstrung

their first two seasons by a lack of premium draft picks and a difficult salary-cap situation due to bad contracts handed out by Davis. But after spending their first two years overhauling the roster, owner Mark Davis expected the Raiders to be much more competitive this season after having ample salary cap room in the offseason and a near full complement of draft picks.

Instead, the Raiders have looked overmatched at times. They fell behind 27-0 after three quarters of their only home game against Houston and trailed by 31 points after three quarters against the Dolphins.

In all, Allen had more losses by at least 20 points (nine) than wins. It was performances like those that Davis said he no longer wanted to see in Allen's third season and ultimately led to his downfall.

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# Charles sends Chiefs to 41-14 rout of Patriots

DAVE SKRETTA  
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)

— Jamaal Charles proved he is back to full speed for the Kansas City Chiefs, returning from injury to score three touchdowns Monday night. Tom Brady is still stuck in neutral for New England, picked off twice as Kansas City routed the Patriots 41-14.

Charles, who missed last week's win in Miami with a sprained ankle, ran for 92 yards and a score. The Pro Bowl running back also caught two short touchdown passes from Alex Smith, who had 248 yards passing and three touchdowns in a sharp performance before a raucous crowd.

The Chiefs (2-2) ended a four-game skid at Arrowhead Stadium dating to last season by handing the Patriots (2-2) their worst defeat since losing to San Diego 41-17 in 2005.

Along with throwing two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown, Brady was strip-sacked by Tamba Hali to step up a field goal. Brady finished 14 of 23 for 159 yards.

The Chiefs forced the Patriots to air it out by stuffing

Shane Vereen and Stevan Ridley.

It hardly helped the Patriots' offense that it was trying to operate on the same night Chiefs fans were trying to reclaim the record for loudest outdoor sports venue. The record was set in the first half, when Guinness World Records record a noise level of 142.2 decibels — breaking the mark of 137.6 that the Seattle Seahawks' fans had set last season.

The crowd included several members of the Kansas City Royals, who made the walk across the parking lot from Kauffman Stadium to watch the start of the game on the sidelines. The Royals will play their first postseason game since 1985 against the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

Knile Davis finished with 107 yards rushing for Kansas City. Tight end Travis Kelce had eight catches for 93 yards and a score.

Charles gave the Chiefs an early lead with his first-quarter touchdown plunge, and then he extended the lead with a 5-yard TD catch in the second quarter.

Cairo Santos added a 22-yard field goal just before halftime for a 17-0 lead.

The field goal came after



Kansas City Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles (25) dives into the end zone after catching a 5-yard pass for a touchdown during the second quarter of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Monday, Sept. 29, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

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the Chiefs were bailed out by a defensive penalty. They had been stopped short on a pass play with 8 seconds left, but the penalty gave them a second chance.

Kansas City had 303 yards of first-half offense, the most against any team coached by Bill Belichick. Charles added his third touchdown of the game early in the second half, taking a short pass in the

flat and stumbling into the end zone. He appeared to grab his hamstring on the way down and was met by trainers as he exited the field.

After a brief trip to the locker room, Charles logged a few more carries before his night was done.

By that point, the game was pretty much done, too. Brady threw a 44-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter to Brandon LaFell,

who slipped the grasp of cornerback Marcus Cooper to reach the end zone. But he was picked off by Husain Abdullah later in the half, and Abdullah returned the interception 39 yards for a touchdown.

With the game out of hand, the Patriots gave rookie quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo a chance to play. He threw a late touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski to complete the scoring.

## NFL says Abdullah should not have been penalized

DAVE SKRETTA  
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KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)

— Kansas City Chiefs safety Husain Abdullah should not have been penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct when he dropped to his knees in prayer after an interception, the NFL said on Tuesday.

The league's rule book prohibits players from celebrating while on the ground, but spokesman Michael Signora wrote in an email on Tuesday that "the officiating mechanic in this situation is not to flag a player who goes to the ground as part of religious expression, and as a result, there should have been no penalty on the play."

The flag thrown in the fourth quarter of Kansas

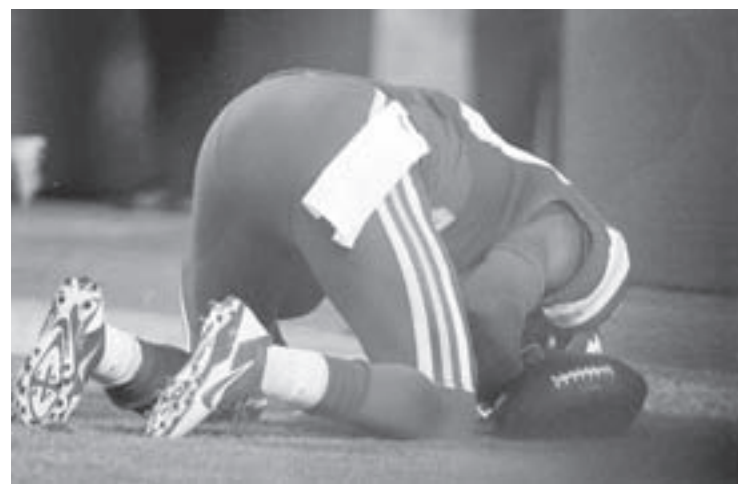
City's 41-14 victory over the New England Patriots on Monday led to criticism on social media, with many wondering how it was different from players such as former NFL quarterback Tim Tebow dropping to one knee in Christian prayer.

Abdullah is a devout Muslim who took a year off from American football to make a pilgrimage to Mecca. He said after Monday's game that he knew before he even reached the end zone he would drop to his knees in thankful prayer after intercepting Tom Brady. After he slid to the grass in Arrowhead Stadium, yellow flags came flying from the officials.

"I don't think it was because of the actual prostration that I got the penal-

ty," Abdullah told The Associated Press afterward. "It was because of the slide." And that's precisely the explanation that Chiefs coach Andy Reid said he received from the game officials. They had no issue with the prayer, Reid said, only the celebratory slide.

"I'm pretty sure he (Reid) understands who I am, what my faith is," Abdullah said. "And again, the prostration is all right. It's the slide. Come to a full stop, get down, make the prostration, get up and get out." The Council on American-Islamic Relations, a civil liberties and advocacy organization, issued a statement early Tuesday asking that the NFL take steps in response to the penalty. "To prevent the appearance



In this Sept. 29, 2014, photo, Kansas City Chiefs free safety Husain Abdullah prays after intercepting a pass and running it back for a touchdown during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots Monday, Sept. 29, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

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of a double standard, we urge league officials to clarify the policy on prayer and recognize that the official made a mistake in this

case," CAIR spokesman Ibrahim Hooper said. Reid didn't agree with the penalty, but he also didn't make much of it.



# Life's Pauses - Peri, Andro and Meno

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Medically, menopause is defined as: when you have not had a menstruation in a year. In fact, Menopause is really the end of a long, slow process called perimenopause, marked by changes in a woman's body. Menopause is a normal part of a woman's life, just like puberty. A woman's ovaries in her mid-30 begin to change how much estrogen and progesterone they produce. These two female hormones are both important for normal menstrual cycles and successful pregnancy.

In our clinic, when I inform women between 35 and 50 years old that the symptoms they are feeling, which seem to be Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS) are actually "Pre" or Peri-menopause symptoms. Many women remark that since they are not over fifty, this cannot be! Although, the current average age of menopause is about 52. The age span is usually from 45 to 55. However, symptoms of the body's changes during perimenopause can begin in the late 30's and last up to thirteen years!

Statistics indicate that approximately one in a hundred women goes through menopause at age 40 or younger. Early menopause can occur as a result of surgery, for example, when a woman has a hysterectomy or uterine removal with ovarian removal. According to some experts, early menopause can also be caused by various factors, such as an autoimmune disorder related

to poor nutrition or chronic stress resulting in the production of anti-ovarian antibodies.

Menopausal symptoms include hot flashes, mood swings, heart palpitations, insomnia, anxiety, depression, weight gain, decline in skin quality, muscle loss, low or lost libido and inability to concentrate. Becoming less able to handle daily tasks for women, who are masters at juggling or multi-tasking, may come as a surprise and cause feelings of inadequacy or frustration. Although bewildered husbands, children and a society that thrives on youth seem to believe all menopausal women experience symptoms for years on end, research indicates that 15 percent of women are symptom-free at menopause. Medical researchers have documented that while some women simply stop menstruating and have no symptoms whatsoever, 85 percent will experience some degree of hot flashes. As a medical anthropologist, I can tell you some cultures, such as traditional Navahos, exhibited and reported few symptoms of menopause. Moreover, socioeconomic status was strongly correlated to menopausal women's experience of symptoms. Women in higher income brackets showed an elevated rate of symptoms. This study indicates that psychological factors, rather than physical ones, may strongly determine menopausal symptoms. Belief systems, feelings and attitude can go a long in affecting many

health concerns.

Major factors influencing a woman's emotional and physical passage through the change of life include: personal health and childbearing history, health of her female ancestors and living female relatives, past and present dietary habits, past and present tobacco and alcohol use, medications, exercise, life style, stress and self-esteem. Another very influential factor is the amount of circulating glucose and insulin in the blood stream.

Many women have been led to believe that there is a cure for menopause by using estrogen or other forms of hormone replacement therapy (HRT). New medical findings have proven that synthetic hormone replacement may do women more harm than good. Younger women using synthetic birth control pills, patches or injections are using a form of HRT. This can be a big factor affecting women of perimenopausal age. In our clinic, we try to get all women off synthetic, artificial hormone changing birth control. We recommend using safer methods to keep track of their fertility status together with natural family planning and hormone balancing. A simple to use at home "fertility scope" can be effective in keeping track of a perimenopausal woman's changing cycles. Herbs such as Dong Quai, Red Chestnut, Rhodiola, DG-Licorice and Kudzu have long been known for menopausal and perimenopausal sup-

port as well as B vitamins.

Since women's hormone levels vary greatly, natural alternatives work best when used under professional guidance. Some women should not use estrogen. Some need DHEA or testosterone, a hormone found in men, as well. Hormone levels can fluctuate greatly during menopause and women may need test their hormone levels and adjust their hormone therapy throughout the change. Accurate, comprehensive tests are available from laboratories specializing in hormones using saliva or blood spot rather than a tube of blood.

Specialty hormone testing is not only for menopausal women, but should begin in "pre" or peri-menopause. And, let's talk about the men. Men's hormone levels also change with age. This is known as andropause. All men over 50 need to check not only prostate, but also hormone levels. Testosterone can diminish even in younger men and women. Testosterone is responsible for muscle strength, beautiful hair and a healthy libido.

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# A Closer Look: Stream-box gaming is a mixed bag

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Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — As gaming consoles such as the Xbox and the PlayStation diversify into video, social media and other non-gaming apps, it seems only fair that streaming TV devices start nudging into gaming territory.

Amazon's Fire TV and the Roku 3 both offer a multitude of games, alongside apps to stream video on the big television screen from services such as Netflix and Hulu. The game offerings — some free, some for a fee — are a mixed bag thus far, ranging from solid to silly.

Here's a look at the experience for both:

— **Amazon Fire TV** (\$99; optional game controller \$40):



This Monday, Sept. 29, 2014 photo shows the Amazon Fire TV, a product for streaming popular video services, apps and games in high-definition, in Decatur, Ga. Associated Press

The Fire TV is an ideal type of multimedia streaming box to bring gaming to the living room. It has a quad-core processor and a dedicated graphics chip to speed up gaming visuals. It pumps all that out in high definition at 1080p. Games such as "Riptide GP2" and "The Walking Dead" are graphically pleasing, with engaging action and fast-responding controls. These aren't merely dumbed-down versions of games for other systems, such as personal computers and Microsoft's Xbox One. The top-tier titles on Fire TV play as smoothly as they do elsewhere.

The games are affordably priced, too, starting at 99 cents and going as high as \$10 for such games as "Castle of Illusion Starring

Mickey Mouse." Most of the paid games are \$3. You can usually use the regular controller that comes with the Fire TV, but the \$40 game controller, with thumb sticks and trigger buttons, is a necessity for the best action games. Because the Fire TV uses a version of Google's Android system, you're also getting a slew of casual games. Game developers, however, tweak their apps and make them available through Amazon's app store, so you're not getting everything available on Android phones.

The game categories to choose from include action, adventure, board games and kids, but not all of them have a substantial library. For instance, the kids category has only

five titles. That's pretty paltry. It's something Amazon might want to address if it wants Fire TV gaming to take off.

Duds such as a Dracula-themed video pinball game are a waste of space. The initial download is free, but the game will try to nibble you to spend 99 cents apiece for pinball theme add-ons. Most importantly, the game play has an awful amount of lag. The flippers don't flip the instant you press the buttons on the remote, making it frustrating to time your shots at all.

In all, the Fire TV is a great choice for streaming video. The gaming component doesn't embarrass itself, but it doesn't excel either. If Amazon can lure a few more top-flight game

developers, Fire TV could become more appealing to enthusiastic part-time gamers.

— **Roku 3** (\$99):



This Sept. 29, 2014 photo shows the Roku 3, a product for streaming popular video services, apps and games in high-definition, in Decatur, Ga. Associated Press

The Roku 3 device offers a ton of games, but they range from very good to downright awful. It leans heavily toward casual gaming, meaning puzzle and word games with an occasional faster action title thrown in.

For instance, I had a great time playing "Angry Birds" on the Roku 3 using its Wii-like motion-sensing remote, which is included. I've played "Angry Birds"

on many phones, tablets and traditional computers, and this beats them all. I simply held down the "OK" button on the remote and stretched the

bird back on the slingshot by pointing the remote to the left. It's intuitive and beautifully displayed in 1080p high definition.

I went to the games channel on the Roku 3 to see the available titles and found most of them priced at \$1.99. I'm willing to experiment at that price, enduring a few bad games to find a couple of winners. But some of those puzzle and word games

look, feel and play awfully dated. I do praise Roku for stocking a 99-cent version of the old-school classic "Rogue."

I settled in for a demo session of "Pathogen 2." Level One started with me flying a little spaceship inside the patient's femoral artery and trying to shoot down green gobs of pathogens. It's like "Asteroids" but with molecules. I quickly finished the first two levels and then got the nag screen asking me to pony up cash for additional levels. It blatantly asks, "Why would you deprive yourself for less than a buck?"

And that really is the key with much of the game selection on the Roku 3. Pricing something at 99 cents — or even \$1.99 — often made me think, "Why not?"

All of this makes Roku 3 at best a delivery system for casual games. Roku has only 86 games available and needs more heavy-hitter titles alongside "Angry Birds" to truly compete against the Fire TV's 365 titles, or for that matter my Android smartphone. □

## AOL to feed more video, news to Microsoft's MSN

**NEW YORK (AP)** — AOL will provide Microsoft's MSN with more video and additional news stories from popular sites such as The Huffington Post and TechCrunch in an expansion of a deal aimed at selling more digital advertising.

The arrangement announced Tuesday builds upon a partnership that AOL Inc. and Microsoft Corp. struck in April.

AOL already has been distributing clips from its collection of nearly 900,000 videos on MSN's web sites and apps built for Microsoft products such as Windows phones. Now Microsoft will be getting even more material, including text, from AOL's stable of online services and will be

able to feature the content on other apps built for Apple's iPhone and iPad as well as devices running on Android.

Financial terms of the expanded partnership weren't disclosed.

Besides drawing upon material from The Huffington Post and TechCrunch, Microsoft will also receive content from AOL-owned Engadget, StyleList, KitchenDaily, Autoblog, DailyFinance, Parentdish and Joystiq.

Both AOL and Microsoft are trying to bring in more revenue from a digital advertising market led by Google Inc. and Facebook Inc.

Google is expected to collect nearly one-third of the \$141 billion spent

worldwide on digital advertising this year while Facebook's share is projected at about 8 percent, according to the research firm eMarketer Inc. Microsoft ranks in a distant third place with a roughly 3 percent share of the digital ad market while AOL has a share of roughly 1 percent, eMarketer estimates.

Starboard Value LP, an investment fund that tried to overthrow part of AOL's board in 2012, is now trying to convince Yahoo that it could do a better job selling digital ads if it bought AOL. Starboard revealed it had become a "significant" Yahoo shareholder last week, without specifying the size of its stake. □



## Stocks slip; S&P down for September

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AP Business Writer  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — A sud-

denly stormy month on the stock market came to a quiet end on Tuesday. Major indexes drifted to a slight loss, leaving the Standard & Poor's 500 down 1.6 percent for September, its third monthly drop this year. The market spent Tuesday wavering between minor gains and losses, but there were big moves beneath the surface. Crude oil prices plunged, dragging down Chevron and other oil and gas companies. Ford Motor fell after cutting its profit forecast, while eBay jumped after announcing plans to spin off PayPal.

October. Like September, it's another typically bad month for the market." The Dow Jones industrial average fell 28.32 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,042.90. The S&P 500 slipped 5.51 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,972.29. The Nasdaq composite lost 12.46 points, also 0.3 percent, to 4,493.39. Despite its bad reputation, September has actually been mostly good to investors. Before this year, the S&P 500 turned in a September loss just twice over the past decade: during the financial crisis in 2008 and again following a fight over raising the government's borrowing limit in 2011.

rents and cold currents converge, you get a lot of waves and turbulence," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. "We're now at a point where we have sharply different opinions in the market. It's a tug of war." eBay jumped 8 percent on Tuesday, the biggest gain in the S&P 500, following news that it plans to spin off its PayPal payment service into a publicly traded company next year. Carl Icahn, the billionaire investor, had been pushing eBay to make just such a move. eBay's President and CEO John Donahoe will step down after overseeing the



**A specialist works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Major indexes drifted to a slight loss Tuesday, leaving the Standard & Poor's 500 down 1.6 percent for September, its third monthly drop this year.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Trading has turned choppy over recent weeks. Linger- ing concerns over conflicts around the world, corpo- rate profits and the strength of the global economy have all played a role, said Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Part- ners. Investors are also wary of the fact that some of the market's worst swoons have happened in the months of September and October. "People are unsure at this time of the year," Pavlik said. "We're heading into

This month looked to be different. The S&P 500, the main benchmark for mutu- al funds, reached a record high on Sept. 18, supported by news of stronger eco- nomic growth in the U.S and reassuring words from Fed- eral Reserve officials about keeping interest rates low. Turbulence hit the follow- ing week as investors be- gan questioning whether the stock market was over- priced. Some warned that the market had been calm for too long. "It's like when warm cur-

split. Ebay jumped \$3.97 to \$56.63. Benchmark U.S. crude plunged \$3.41, or 3.6 per- cent, to settle at \$91.16. More evidence of plentiful supplies have pushed pric- es down. Oil has also been dropping as the value of the U.S. dollar rises against other currencies. Pro-democracy protests continued in Hong Kong, a major world financial hub. Thousands of people blocked streets in the busi- ness district and surround- ing streets. □



**A taxi speeds past the neon-lit Walgreens drugstore in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Walgreen reported quarterly financial results before the market opened on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014.**  
(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

## Walgreen posts 4Q loss on Alliance Boots charge

**TOM MURPHY**  
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Walgreen booked a \$239 million loss in its fiscal fourth quarter after swallowing a huge accounting charge from its Alliance Boots ac- quisition, but the drugstore chain's results still met Wall Street expectations. Walgreen Co. said Tuesday that it recorded a non-cash loss of \$866 million in the quarter that ended Aug. 31 because it decided to exercise early its option to buy the remaining stake in Alliance Boots that it did not already own. The Deerfield, Illinois, com- pany bought a 45 percent stake in the Swiss health and beauty retailer in 2012. It had until next year to decide whether to buy the rest of Alliance Boots, which runs the largest drug- store chain in the United Kingdom. But the company said last month that it had decided to complete that deal. Walgreen spokesman Michael Polzin said that be- cause the company ex- ercised that option early, it had to remove its value from its books. That led to the non-cash charge. Overall, Walgreen lost \$239 million, or 25 cents per share, in the quarter. That compares to a gain of \$657 million, or 69 cents per share, in the same period last year. Adjusted earn- ings, which exclude the Alliance Boots charge, to- taled 74 cents per share. That matched analyst ex- pectations, according to Zacks Investment Re- search.

Walgreen's revenue rose more than 6 percent to about \$19.1 billion, while analysts expected \$19.02 billion. Walgreen runs the nation's largest drugstore chain, with more than 8,200 loca- tions. It said sales from its established stores climbed more than 5 percent in the quarter. That's an im- portant measurement for retailers because it leaves out the impact of recently opened or closed loca- tions. But Walgreen executives cautioned Tuesday that the company is dealing with lower reimbursement for prescriptions as well as rising prices for generic drugs. That cuts into the profitability of those drugs if the reimbursement that the company receives doesn't keep up with the price in- creases. "We are realistic about the headwinds we face for the year," CEO Greg Wasson said, adding that Walgreen also is dealing with a "cau- tious consumer." Walgreen wrapped up a rough quarter Aug. 31 in which its stock price tum- bled 16 percent while the Standard & Poor's 500 in- dex rose 4 percent. Much of that drop came in early August after Walgreen low- ered a forecast for earn- ings it expects after com- bining with Alliance Boots. It also announced that it would not pursue an over- seas reorganization with Alliance Boots that could have trimmed its U.S. taxes. □



# EBay to split off lucrative PayPal service business

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — EBay is splitting off its fastest growing segment, payment service PayPal, the e-commerce company said Tuesday.

Investors applauded the news, sending eBay's shares up nearly 7 percent in morning trading.

The move comes after months of pressure from activist investor and billionaire Carl Icahn, who has a 2.5 percent state in eBay, according to FactSet. eBay CEO John Donahoe had been adamant that splitting off PayPal was the wrong move for the company. But Tuesday, the company said that making the payment service a separate publicly traded company next year "maximizes strategic focus and flexibility for eBay."

Acquired by eBay in 2002 for \$1.3 billion, PayPal became eBay's fastest-growing segment. It lets customers use their bank accounts to make payments and money transfers without using credit or debit cards or checks. It makes money by charging a fee for many transactions.

It is also a growing force in the mobile payment arena with its acquisition of companies like Braintree and its One Touch mobile payment service. Although it has not become mainstream yet, the mobile payment sector is growing quickly. Citi Investment Research analyst Mark May said in a note earlier this month that the sum total of mobile payments could grow from \$1 billion in 2013 to \$58.4 billion by 2017. Apple threw down a gauntlet in September with its own digital wallet Apple Pay, seen as a major competitor to PayPal.

"The payments landscape is hyper-competitive, the pace of change is accelerating and everyone is gunning for PayPal," said Forrester analyst Denee Carrington. "The split will give PayPal greater agility to help it achieve its full potential."

Donahoe also said he will step down as CEO of eBay after overseeing the separation of the two companies and will not have a management role in either of the two afterward. He may have a seat on the board at one or both,

place.

Devin Wenig, currently president of eBay Marketplaces, will become CEO of the new EBay Inc. He will lead the eBay Marketplaces and eBay Enterprise businesses.

Cowen and Co. analyst

EBay, based in San Jose, California, said that the separation was the best path for growth and shareholder value creation for each business.

In the most recent quarter, PayPal gained 4 million new, active registered

backed by prepaid user accounts, bank accounts or credit cards. The service is available in 203 markets worldwide and is on track to process 1 billion mobile payments in 2014.

There is a push away from traditional credit cards, particularly after a string of high-profile data breaches that have ensnared major retailers like Target and Home Depot.

Alibaba, the Chinese e-commerce powerhouse in China, split off its PayPal-like mobile payment arm, Alipay, in 2011.

"A thorough strategic review with our board shows that keeping eBay and PayPal together beyond 2015 clearly becomes less advantageous to each business strategically and competitively," Donahoe said.

PayPal has been expanding beyond online and mobile payments and offering other financial services. It began lending money to small business customers late last year. And eBay bought Braintree, a payment processor used by startups such as vacation rentals site Airbnb and cab-hailing app Uber, a year ago for about \$800 million and will be part of the PayPal unit.

Shares of eBay jumped nearly 7 percent to \$56.16 in morning trading. □



Attendees walk in front of an EBay and PayPal display area at the Mobile World Congress, the world's largest mobile phone trade show, in Barcelona, Spain. PayPal is splitting from EBay Inc. and will become a separate and publicly traded company during the second half of 2015.

(AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

along with eBay Chief Financial Officer Bob Swan. Dan Schulman, an executive at American Express, will be the new president at PayPal, effective immediately. The 56-year-old will become PayPal's CEO once the separation takes

John Blackledge said the spinoff "makes a great deal of sense," because there is "manageable overlap" between the two businesses and the new structure makes PayPal "more nimble" to respond to challenges like Apple Pay.

accounts, up 15 percent, to 152 million. Payments revenue rose 20 percent to \$1.95 billion, about 45 percent of eBay's total revenue.

PayPal users can send and receive payments online, with all transactions

## Who is the man replacing the 'Bond King'?

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP)

— With Bill Gross' surprise departure from Pimco, 45-year-old Daniel Ivascyn now finds himself watching over trillions in assets at the huge mutual fund firm.

The new chief investment officer takes over from a fiery Wall Street legend. Gross co-founded Pimco in 1971 and ran the firm for four decades, turning the company's flagship product, the Total Return Fund, into a \$221 billion behemoth. His success earned him the title "Bond King."

Ivascyn is also highly accomplished, and Pimco watchers say his even-

handed management style will provide much needed relief to the California-based firm that has been roiled by big-name departures.

"By choosing Ivascyn, Pimco is making a conscious effort to move the firm toward a team-oriented culture," says Scott Burns, global director of manager research at mutual fund research company Morningstar. Gross may have brought investors the performance they wanted for decades, but at 70 years old, he was at the end of his career, Burns says.

Ivascyn is a 16-year veteran of Pimco and runs the Pimco Income Fund,

which has \$38 billion under management. The fund is up 7.6 percent this year, compared with the 4.8 percent rise in the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, the benchmark most bond funds are measured against.

That fund rose 4.8 percent in 2013, a year that was considered difficult for bond investors due to rising interest rates that caused a lot of funds to underperform. As a result, mutual fund tracking company Morningstar named Ivascyn their Fixed-Income Manager of the Year.

Gross, who left Pimco last week to join Janus Capital Group, has seen his perfor-

mance lag many rivals. His Total Return Fund lost 2.2 percent last year, according to Pimco, its first loss in more than a decade.

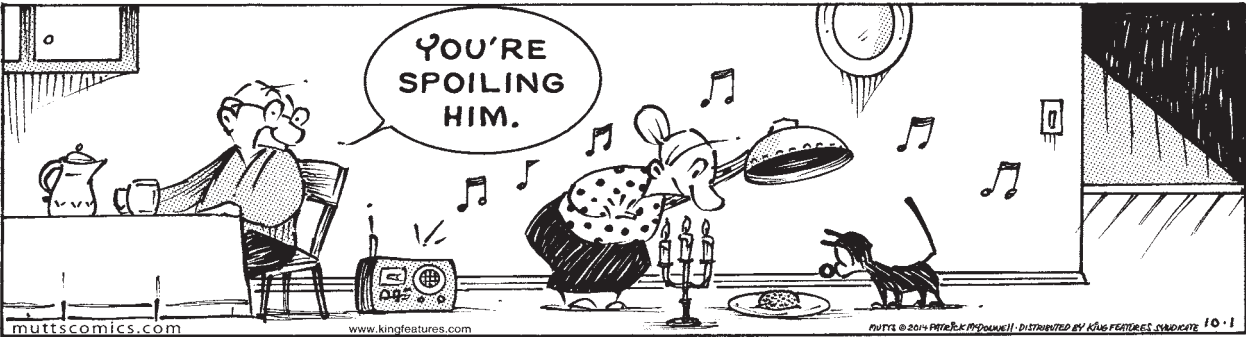
His management style has also raised eyebrows.

Pimco's chief executive and co-chief investment officer Mohamed El-Erian left the firm in January over what was reported to be a long-simmering dispute with Gross over the firm's direction. Ivascyn was one of six deputy chief investment officers chosen to replace El-Erian and delegate more responsibility among the firm's younger members.

The departure of Gross leaves Ivascyn with potentially serious challenges. □



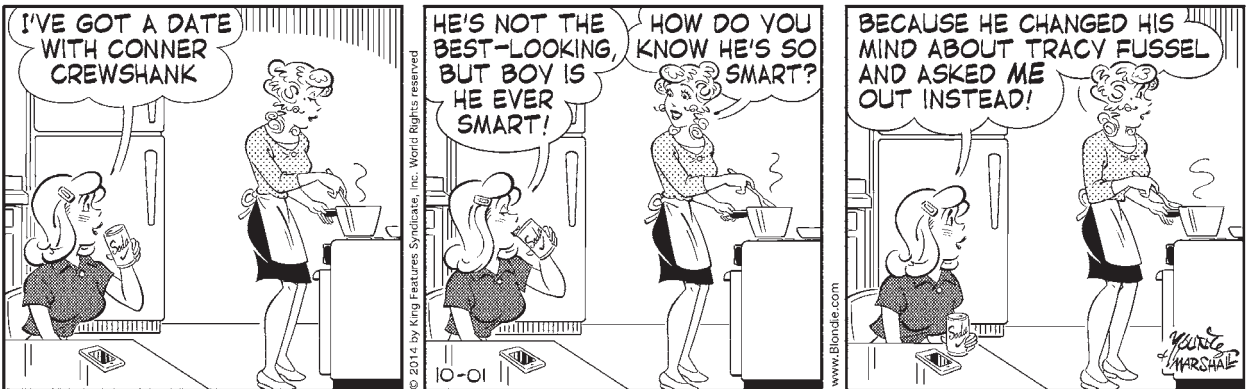
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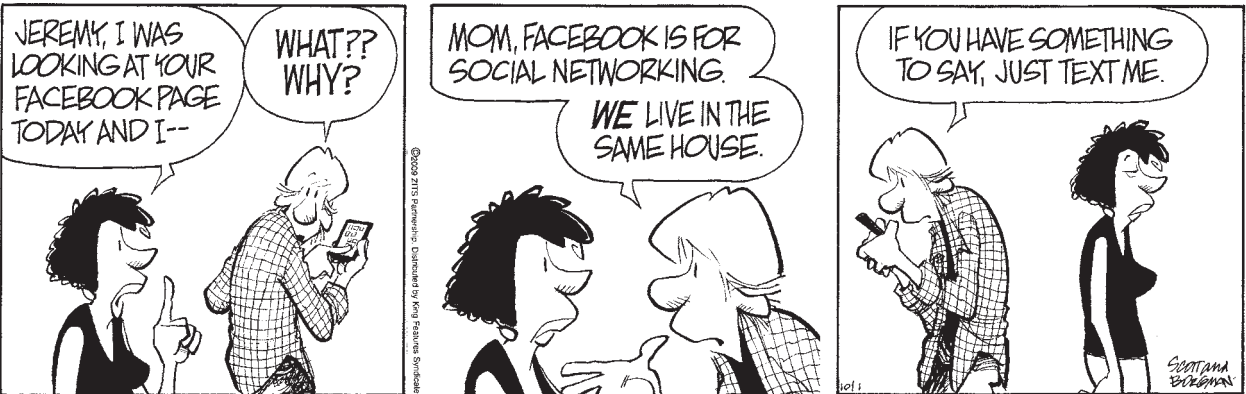
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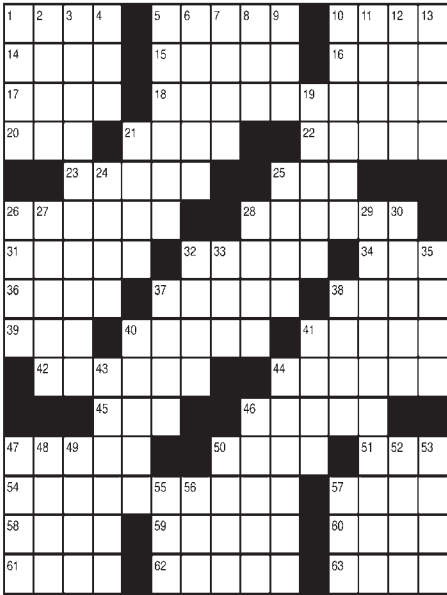
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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# At White House, a long line of unwelcome guests

PETER BAKER

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**WASHINGTON** - Like his predecessors, President Barack Obama refers to the White House as "the people's house," and over the past two centuries a surprising number of uninvited people have made their way in.

Long before the latest fence jumper captured international attention by getting as far as the East Room, the history of White House security breaches was vast and varied. One intruder in a white karate outfit carried in a knife hidden in a Bible; a stranger slipped in to watch a movie with President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and a pilot crashed his Cessna into the mansion.

President Theodore Roosevelt once agreed to see a man who insisted he was expected, but when the president realized he did not know him, ordered an usher to "Take this crank out of here." In the man's back pocket was a revolv-

er.

Over the decades, the Secret Service has installed more and more barriers to keep out the unwanted, even as presidents struggled to preserve their home as welcoming to visitors. Roads have been closed off to traffic, gates have been fortified, ballistic windows have been installed and sharpshooters have been deployed on the roof.

Yet that has not always stopped the determined, the curious and the mentally unstable from trying to force their way in.

During World War II, Roosevelt had just finished watching a movie when he discovered a stranger nearby when the lights came on. His predecessor, Herbert Hoover, came downstairs for dinner one night to find a man in the Blue Room. On another occasion, Hoover was having dinner with a movie producer in the State Dining Room when an intruder marched up, demanding

an appointment. John Tyler was walking on the south grounds of the White House when an intoxicated painter hurled rocks at him,

Gunmen have shot at the White House from the street during Bill Clinton's presidency and Obama's. During Ronald Reagan's second inauguration, a man followed the Marine Band into the White House and wandered around for 15 minutes before being discovered. On Christmas Day, 1974, a man claiming to be the messiah crashed a Chevrolet Impala through the Northwest Gate and drove all the way up to the North Portico, where he got out with flares strapped to his body.

With all the ground protection, several men have tried to pierce the White House perimeter by air. □

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# 35,000 walrus come ashore in northwest Alaska



In this aerial photo taken on Sept. 23, 2014 and released by NOAA, some 1500 walrus are gather on the northwest coast of Alaska. **Associated Press**

**DAN JOLING**

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**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** — Pacific walrus that can't find sea ice for resting in Arctic waters are coming ashore in record numbers on a beach in northwest Alaska.

An estimated 35,000 walrus were photographed Saturday about 5 miles (8 kilometers) north of Point Lay, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Point Lay is an Inupiat Eskimo village 300 miles (482 kilometers) southwest of Barrow and 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) northwest of Anchorage.

The enormous gathering was spotted during NOAA's annual arctic marine mammal aerial survey, spokeswoman Julie Speegle said by email. The survey is conducted with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the agency that oversees offshore lease sales.

Andrea Medeiros, spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said walrus were first spotted Sept. 13 and have been moving on and off shore. Observers

last week saw about 50 carcasses on the beach from animals that may have been killed in a stampede, and the agency was assembly a necropsy team to determine their cause of death.

"They're going to get them out there next week," she said.

The gathering of walrus on shore is a phenomenon that has accompanied the loss of summer sea ice as the climate has warmed.

Pacific walrus spend winters in the Bering Sea. Females give birth on sea ice and use ice as a diving platform to reach snails, clams and worms on the shallow continental shelf. Unlike seals, walrus cannot swim indefinitely and must rest. They use their tusks to "haul out," or pull themselves onto ice or rocks.

As temperatures warm in summer, the edge of the sea ice recedes north. Females and their young ride the edge of the sea ice into the Chukchi Sea, the body of water north of the Bering Strait.

In recent years, sea ice has receded north beyond shallow continental shelf waters

and into Arctic Ocean water, where depths exceed 2 miles (3 kilometers) and walrus cannot dive to the bottom.

Walrus in large numbers were first spotted on the U.S. side of the Chukchi Sea in 2007. They returned in 2009, and in 2011, scientists estimated 30,000 walrus appeared along a half-mile stretch (1 kilometer) of beach near Point Lay.

Young animals are vulnerable to stampedes when a group gathers nearly shoulder-to-shoulder on a beach. Stampedes can be triggered by a polar bear, human hunter or low-flying airplane. The carcasses of more than 130 mostly young walrus were counted after a stampede in September 2009 at Alaska's Icy Cape.

The World Wildlife Fund said walrus have also been gathering in large groups on the Russian side of the Chukchi

Sea. "It's another remarkable sign of the dramatic environmental conditions changing as the result of sea ice loss," said Margaret Williams, managing director of the group's Arctic program, by phone from Washington, D.C. "The walrus are telling us what the polar bears have told us and what many indigenous people have told us in the high Arctic, and that is that the Arctic environment is changing extremely rapidly and it is time for the rest of the world to take notice and also to take action to address the root causes of climate change."

This summer, the sea ice's annual low point was the sixth smallest since satellite monitoring began in 1979. □

## Wildlife populations plummet for 3,000 species

**JOHN HEILPRIN**

**Associated Press**

**GENEVA (AP)** — About 3,000 species of wildlife around the world have seen their numbers plummet far worse than previously thought, according to a new study by one of the world's biggest environmental groups.

The study Tuesday from the Swiss-based WWF largely blamed human threats to nature for a 52 percent decline in wildlife populations between 1970 and 2010. It says improved methods of measuring populations of fish, birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles explain the huge difference from the 28-percent decline between 1970 and 2008 that the group reported in 2012.

Most of the new losses were found in tropical regions, particularly Latin America. WWF describes the study it has carried out every two years since 1998 as a barometer of the state of the planet.

"There is no room for complacency," said WWF International Director General Marco Lambertini, calling for a greater focus on sustainable solutions to the impact people are inflicting on nature, particularly



**WWF's new Director General Marco Lambertini speaks during a press conference, where he presented the Living Planet Report 2014 at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

through the release of greenhouse gases.

The latest "Living Planet" study analyzed data from about 10,000 populations of 3,038 vertebrate species from a database maintained by the Zoological Society of London. It is meant to provide a representative sampling of the overall wildlife population in the world, said WWF's Richard McLellan, editor-in-chief of the study.

It reflects populations since 1970, the first year the London-based society had comprehensive data. Each study is based on data from at least four years earlier.

Much of the world's wildlife

has disappeared in what have been called five mass extinctions, which were often associated with giant meteor strikes. About 90 percent of the world's species were wiped out around 252 million years ago. One such extinction about 66 million years ago killed off the dinosaurs and three out of four species on Earth. In the new WWF study, hunting and fishing along with continued losses and deterioration of natural habitats are identified as the chief threats to wildlife populations around the world. Other primary factors are global warming, invasive species, pollution and disease. □



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# Oprah Winfrey, Harry Belafonte honored by Harvard

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** (AP) — Oprah Winfrey and singer Harry Belafonte were among those honored at Harvard University for their contributions to African-American culture. Winfrey also accepted a posthumous award at Tuesday's ceremony for poet Maya Angelou, who

died earlier this year. The university's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research presented its annual W.E.B. Du Bois Medals to eight honorees, including British architect David Adjaye, U.S. Rep. John Lewis, "12 Years a Slave" director Steve McQueen, "Grey's

Anatomy" and "Scandal" creator Shonda Rhimes, and movie producer Harvey Weinstein. The medal has been awarded since 2000 and is Harvard's highest honor in the field of African and African American Studies. Du Bois was a Massachusetts native and Harvard

Actor, talk show host and philanthropist Oprah Winfrey addresses an audience after accepting the W.E.B. Du Bois medal during ceremonies, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, on the campus of Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass.

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graduate and scholar who founded the National As-

sociation for the Advancement of Colored People. □

## Viola Davis learns underbelly of law on new show

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**AP Entertainment Writer**

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)** — Playing an attorney on TV has shown Viola Davis there's a slim — and slippery — divide between guilt and innocence.

The 49-year-old actress stars as a defense attorney and law professor on the new ABC show "How to Get Away With Murder," which premiered Thursday to an impressive 14 million viewers. Davis' character, Annalise Keating, comes off in the first episode as sharp, intimidating and not all the way righteous. Davis said the role taught her "just how fine the line is between guilt and innocence, and a lie and the truth, and good and bad." "I'm not just talking about the cases," she said. "I mean being a defense attorney!"

Davis has had recurring roles on TV series including "Law & Order: SVU" and "United States of Tara," but it's a new experience for the Oscar-nominated and Tony-winning star to work full-time in TV.

"I'm tired, but I'm liking it. I'm liking the pace of it," she said. "I'm liking the quick decisions you have to make. I feel alive as an artist."

She also appreciates the chance to stay in one place and sleep in her own bed each night.

"Having a 4-year-old, that's fabulous," she said.

Davis discussed her new show Sunday at a benefit for the Rape Treatment Center, which she became acquainted with through research for a role.

"That whole facility just moved



In this Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 file photo, actress Viola Davis poses at The Rape Foundation's Annual Brunch at Greenacres in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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me," she said. "It is just geared toward helping the victim... and I wanted to be a part of that. My heart was moved by it." □

## Government: NFL TV 'blackout' rule unsportsmanlike

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — For years, football fans have bemoaned the rule barring NFL home games that haven't sold out from being televised in the local market.

Well, you can't blame the government anymore.

The Federal Communications Commission voted Tuesday to end the 1975 rule with a push from its chairman.

"We at the FCC shouldn't be complicit in preventing sports fans from watching their favorite teams on TV," said Chairman Tom Wheeler. "It's time to sack the sports blackout rule."

The vote won't actually end blackouts, which

are written into the NFL's private contracts with broadcast and cable companies. But it means responsibility for blackouts now lies entirely with the NFL and its television partners, not the government. Last year, only two NFL games were blacked out in local markets: The Bengals against the Chargers in San Diego on Dec. 1 and the Dolphins vs. the Bills in Buffalo on Dec. 22. Even so, the NFL launched a lobbying campaign against the blackout repeal.

The rule has barred cable-TV stations from televising games in metro areas where those games were being blacked out on local TV. The league warned that without this

rule in place, it would move more games to pay cable and away from free over-the-air broadcasts on local television stations. It hired Hall-of-Famer Lynn Swann, who starred for the Pittsburgh Steelers, to conduct a grassroots campaign to "protect football on free TV."

The FCC commissioners were unmoved. They noted that the NFL makes plenty of money selling old-fashioned broadcast rights.

What's more, the NFL's TV contracts don't expire until 2022, so it couldn't do anything for eight years. In the meantime, Commissioner Roger Goodell and other league executives have extolled the benefits of airing games

on free TV. This year, they moved some Thursday night games to CBS from the cable channel NFL Network.

The blackout rule is a vestige of a bygone era, when the NFL was hardly today's wildly popular money-making machine. When the rule passed nearly four decades ago, just 40 percent of NFL games sold out, and teams relied on ticket sales for most of their revenue.

In the mid-1990s, roughly two-thirds of NFL games typically sold out. A decade ago, the figure approached 90 percent. Now, it's 99 percent.

Yet in any case, NFL teams get most of their revenue from television.

The blackouts, rare as they

are now, have been especially bitter for Bills fans. Perhaps their greatest victory in franchise history — a 41-38 comeback win over the Houston Oilers in a 1993 playoff game — was blacked out on local television because Buffalo's Rich Stadium (now Ralph Wilson Stadium) didn't sell out for the game.

In fact, FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai, a Buffalo native, chose to announce his vote against the blackout rule last month at Buffalo's Anchor Bar, which claims to have created that beloved game day snack-food staple, the Buffalo wing.

"Our job is to serve the public interest, not the private interests of team owners," Pai said. □



# Gunn shifts from 'Breaking Bad' to 'Gracepoint'

LYNN ELBER

AP Television

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The average TV binge viewer is indulging in catch-up. When Anna Gunn dove headlong into the British crime drama "Broadchurch," it was homework. Gunn stars as police Detective Ellie Miller in Fox's "Gracepoint," an adaptation of the moodily gripping U.K. series that's been uprooted from a seaside English town to a Northern California one that's more scenic but no less fraught with pain.

The actress, who won two Emmy Awards for "Breaking Bad," is part of the makeover, one that stopped short of swapping out leading man David Tennant as a tough but troubled police detective. Gunn, 46, said she fell "head over heels" for the emotionally layered drama about a boy's murder and the distrust and anger it unleashes in a placid community. She did fret about how Tennant would respond to her replacing "Broadchurch" star Olivia Coleman as his mismatched police partner. (Tennant and Coleman are paired again in season two of "Broadchurch," air-



This photo released by Fox shows David Tennant, left, Detective Emmett Carver and Anna Gunn, Detective Ellie Miller as they interview Jack Reinhold in the Event Series Premiere of "Gracepoint," airing Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, (9:00-10:00 PM ET/PT) on Fox.

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ing next year on BBC America.)

"At the very beginning I said, 'Do you feel you're cheating? Does it feel odd to you?'" Gunn recalled. "He said, 'It really doesn't. It feels like a whole new thing.'"

That's how its executive producers, including Anya Epstein, looked at Fox's remake of "Broadchurch." It received a prestigious Peabody Award (for its "pitch-perfect take on the classic crime drama") but the nearly 1 million average weekly viewers that

watched it on BBC America, while solid for the channel, means most U.S. viewers are unfamiliar with the "amazing" series, Epstein said.

That includes her parents, she said, who stopped watching because they couldn't decipher Tennant's Scottish brogue. That's not a problem in "Gracepoint," debuting at 9 p.m. EDT Thursday, in which the former "Doctor Who" star employs an American accent. His character, renamed Emmett Carver, is no less prickly

than the original, and Gunn's Miller has to cope with him and her first murder case.

Her inexperience and roots in the community are reason enough for her to cede authority to town newcomer Carver.

But as embodied by the imposingly tall and charismatic Gunn, Miller appears ready to stand her ground. "He's someone who approaches the world with a wary eye," Gunn said of Carver. "She's someone who approaches it with quite a bit of openness and the belief that you protect and serve, and also give people the benefit of the doubt until they prove you wrong."

As the 10-episode series progresses — taking different plot turns than the eight-episode BBC original and giving some characters more weight — so does Gunn's portrayal, Epstein said.

"As things unfold, the fragility becomes more and more apparent," the producer said.

That's in contrast to Gunn's previous character who, granted, was in far different circumstances: Skylar White of "Breaking Bad" steeled herself to pull her

family away from her meth-making husband as he descended further into evil and danger.

It was a rewarding role for Gunn but one that became a harsh introduction to the Internet's potential for unrestrained viciousness. Skylar was condemned in some online posts for being a failed, unsupportive wife, and Gunn became a target simply for playing her. The actress responded in an eloquent New York Times op-ed piece last year. "Male characters don't seem to inspire this kind of public venting and vitriol," she wrote, adding that the comments shed light on attitudes toward gender and the "dark and murky corners" ignored in everyday life.

She hasn't allowed that difficult experience to affect her choices as an actor, Gunn said.

"My job is to tell the story that the writer has given me, and tell the truth of the character they've written as well," she said.

"If it's polarizing and if it makes people uncomfortable, upset, that's something you learn to let go of. Once you've done your work, it's out of your hands." □

## 'This Changes Everything' tackles global warming



This book cover image released by Simon & Schuster shows "This Changes Everything," by Naomi Klein.

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"This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate" (Simon & Schuster), by Naomi Klein

Cutting the vast amounts of man-made pollution

that feed global warming is an enormous challenge for societies that gobble up coal, oil and gas. But in "This Changes Everything," Naomi Klein argues that those fuels aren't the root problem — capitalism is. That message is likely to motivate fans of Klein's earlier books, such as "No Logo" and "The Shock Doctrine," but it also leads to a tough question.

Is blaming capitalism for climate change just rhetorical hot air — or a brutal and uncomfortable truth? Whatever side you take, Klein deserves credit for not sugarcoating the problem. She writes that limiting global warming won't be quick, easy or without disruptions, yet holds out hope that the end result

will be better for people, the environment and even the economy. But make no mistake: "This Changes Everything" argues that we don't just have to cut carbon pollution. We have to change society, and our own lifestyles. Klein writes: "Our economic system and our planetary system are now at war."

And while Klein is predictably hard on big business and conservatives who deny climate change, she doesn't spare environmental groups or liberals. Klein pointedly shows how easy it is to ignore global warming, noting that until recently she "continued to behave as if there was nothing wrong" with the "elite" frequent flier card in her wallet.

Klein is dismissive of environmentalists who say better technology can limit climate change, yet she doesn't resolve some of the contradictions in that position. China, Germany and other countries have used capitalism and mass production to turn out vast quantities of better and cheaper solar panels and wind turbines. In the U.S., Texas has become the national leader in wind energy by treating it as another business for people to make money on.

Yet worldwide carbon emissions are rising, not falling. And like everyone else, Klein struggles with perhaps the toughest global warming challenge: how to cope with the explosive growth of newly capitalist

economies.

China is now the world's largest emitter of carbon pollution, but only 30 years ago Beijing was filled with bicycle-riding workers dressed in Chairman Mao tunics. Today there are BMWs and clouds of pollution generated by vast numbers of people who are embracing capitalism, not revolting against it. And after the recent huge climate march in New York City, India's environment minister responded by saying that developed countries such as the U.S. need to cut emissions, not developing ones. He told The New York Times that "India's first task is eradication of poverty" and that "we will grow faster, and our emissions will rise." □



## Paralysis Isn't Inevitable



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One of the hardest things for us to do is to envision a future that is different from the present. For instance, we live in an age of paralyzed politics, so it is hard, in the here and now, to imagine what could change that. A second example: It is difficult to think of a scenario where federal gun legislation could be passed over the objections of the National Rifle Association. And a third: Income inequality has been the trend for some three decades; doesn't it look as if it will always be that way? What prompts these thoughts are two papers that landed on my desk recently. Although they tackle very different issues, they have one thing in common: They imagine a future that breaks from the present path.

The first is a draft of a speech given earlier this month at TEDMED by Daniel Webster, the director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research. (TEDMED is associated with TED Talks.) The second is an article in the latest edition of the Harvard Business Review by Roger Martin, the former dean of the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto.

Webster's speech lays out an agenda that he predicts will reduce the murder rate by 30 to 50 percent within 20 years. "I don't think that our current level of gun violence is here to stay," he declares in the draft of the speech. Martin's article is about how the rise of the "talent economy," as he calls it, has helped further income inequality. But he doesn't believe a high level of income inequality is an inevitable part of our future.

Let's tackle Webster first. Politically, he told me, "It's a loser to call for a gun ban." Instead, his reforms would make it more difficult for criminals to get their hands on guns. Using background checks, he would keep guns away from people who have a history of violence. He would raise the age of gun ownership to 21. (Webster notes that homicides peak between the ages of 18 and 20.) He would pass laws that make gun dealers more accountable, including "requiring business practices that prevent guns being diverted to criminals." And he would man-

date something called micro-stamping, "which would make it possible to trace a gun used in a crime to its first purchaser." When I asked him why he thought these changes would eventually take place, given the inability of the Senate to pass a background check bill after Newtown, he pointed to polls that show the vast majority of gun owners favor such changes.

"The NRA has been very successful in controlling the conversation and making it about a cultural war," he told me. "But I believe that narrative won't persist." The key, he says, is to change the conversation so that it is about pro- and anti-crime instead of pro- and anti-gun. Once that happens, "gun owners will start to demand changes." He added, "I think that ultimately that idea will prevail, and it will be a pretty mainstream idea."

Now to Roger Martin. His essay traces the way "talent" came to replace labor and capital as the most important factor in the economy, so much so that those who were part of the talent economy could become billionaires even as the median income stalled and then slipped back. Chief executives, who have gorged on stock options, are part of the talent economy, and so are hedge fund managers, who charge the infamous "2 and 20" (meaning a 2 percent management fee and 20 percent of the profits), which ensures their wealth no matter how poorly their investors do. The interests of such talent, in his view, simply don't align with the interests of the rest of us.

Like Webster, Martin also proposed a series of changes to "correct the imbalance," as he puts it. He suggests that pension funds should see that they are best served when they do not hand capital to hedge funds, for instance. And he wants talent to show "self-restraint."

When I told him that seemed unlikely, he told me he thought we were approaching a moment like 1935, when, after years of letting labor fend for itself, the government passed laws that protected labor and helped bring about the rise of the labor movement.

If talent doesn't start taking the rest of the country into account, he said, he feared that the government would once again take significant action to level the playing field.

Given the current political paralysis, I asked, what might bring that about? "Another boom and crash," he said. Martin clearly sees his article as a warning to corporate executives and others who are part of the 1 percent. And maybe, just maybe, it will take hold. After all, not long after his article was published, CalPERS, the huge California pension fund, announced that it was going to eliminate hedge funds from its portfolio. There's hope yet. □



## Not for the Faint of Heart



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In an ideal world, ads for congressional candidates would not look like promos for "Homeland."

But there they are! Grainy shots of barbed wire, terrorist training camps and men in Arab garb firing large weapons, overlaid with scary sound clips from cable news. ("Are they coming for us?")

OK, we're scared enough. We already had the Iraqi prime minister free-associating about terrorists in the subways this week. We don't need to be told that if we vote for the wrong candidate in November, it's curtains.

In an election year, there's certainly a lot of foreign policy to debate. Should Congress be voting on whether we're going to war? Which of the candidates think we should send American troops? Should we really be arming Syrian rebels? You will be stunned to hear that none of these issues are the subject of campaign ads. What we're getting is stuff like: "Staci Appel - Passports for Terrorists" (Iowa)

"Dan Maffei Puts Us at Risk" (New York)

"Michelle Nunn's own plan says she funded organizations linked to terrorists." (Georgia) That last one comes from Republican Senate candidate David Perdue. We don't have time here to follow the intricate, pothole-paved path that led the Perdue camp to that conclusion. But to get there

you have to be prepared to believe that Points of Light, a charity founded by George H.W. Bush, has been assisting Hamas.

The Republican fear-mongering has several aims. One is to remind voters that the Democratic candidate in question belongs to the same party as President Barack Obama. This is totally fair. It may get boring, but it is not against the rules.

Theme two is that Candidate X is making it easier for Americans who trained as terrorists overseas to get back into the country and blow something up.

Staci Appel, a candidate for Congress in Des Moines, fell into a deep hole during a debate when her Republican opponent said that if he were in office, he'd "be urging our State Department" to revoke the passports of people who have admitted they belong to terrorist organizations.

Since "urging" is pretty much all members of Congress do these days, it sounds like a relatively harmless way to pass the time. However, Appel demurred, and said "we need to make sure that we work through the system."

Perhaps she misunderstood what he was saying. But you know what happened next. The poor woman was eventually forced to run her own ad announcing that she "Supports Revoking Passports for Terrorists."

Meanwhile, up in New Hampshire, Republican Senate candidate Scott Brown has been bragging that when he was last in office - during a previous incarnation as the senator from Massachusetts - he sponsored a bill to revoke the citizenship of anyone who gives aid to a terrorist group.

That's a lot different from passports. You can certainly try somebody for treason, but there's no way to just decree that an American is no longer an American. The Founding Fathers were very clear on this point. If you resurrected James Madison and showed him Obamacare and citizenship-stripping, I can guarantee you

which one would freak him out.

The most popular terrorism-connected campaign theme is overall border security, since it allows conservative candidates to roll up ISIS terrorists with illegal Hispanic immigrants. "She's for amnesty, while terrorism experts say our border breakdown could provide an entry for groups like ISIS!" announced that David Perdue ad against Michelle Nunn in Georgia. Some experts believe that even at this early hour, Perdue has wrapped up the title of Worst Commercial of the Campaign.

The "terrorism experts," by the way, are actually the Texas Department of Public Safety. Brown took up the same theme this week, lacing into both Obama and his opponent, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, for a "passive, pathetic attitude" on protecting the borders.

This was during his first foreign affairs speech as a candidate in New Hampshire. Shaheen's campaign took the occasion to remind the world that when he was representing Massachusetts, Brown had boasted about his "secret meetings with kings and queens," which appear to have all been fictional.

Except for citizenship-revoking, Brown's speech was general in the extreme. It would be great to hear some specifics.

Right now the United States spends more on border security than on all the rest of its criminal law enforcement agencies combined. Under Obama, the Department of Homeland Security has constructed nearly 650 miles of fences. The number of border patrol agents has doubled to more than 20,000. They patrol every mile of the border every day, aided by 10 drones. When candidates announce they want to beef up border security, how much more do you think they want to spend? Should there be an agent every 500 feet? A line of officers holding hands from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico? Inquiring minds want to know. Maybe they could put it in an ad. □



# Animal Abuse Gaining Traction as a Serious Crime

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**NEW YORK** - For reasons he has not fully explained, Andre Robinson first kicked the stray cat several yards. A video of the kick was posted on Facebook. He was soon arrested.

Had it been a person he kicked, Robinson, 22, most likely would have received a quick plea bargain requiring no jail time - if, that is, he had even been ar-

rested. And had he kicked that gray cat a few years ago, a similar outcome might have awaited him. But now, every time Robinson has appeared in court in Brooklyn, animal-rights activists have surrounded him, attending his hearings and calling for a jail sentence. He has not even received a plea offer from prosecutors - extremely rare in misdemeanor cases. Robinson, with one seemingly unconsidered kick, has unwittingly placed himself at the center of an impassioned, growing debate.



**Andre Robinson, front, who has been accused of kicking a cat, with animal rights activists behind him, after a court hearing in New York. Animal activist, once dismissed as cat ladies, seem to be winning the fight for legal remedies to prevent animal abuse after the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced this month it would stop lumping the crime in the "other" category.**

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

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On one side are the activists. Once dismissed as cat ladies or fringe do-gooders, they have come to wield

real power through funding, organization and a focus on legal remedies for animal abuse. They have embraced social-media campaigns; offered rewards to potential witnesses to animal abuse; trained prosecutors; and made inroads in pushing law enforcement across the country to arrest, and seek jail time for, animal abusers. Yet lawyers defending the accused say that punish-

ment in such cases can seem disproportionate to the crime when an animal is the victim. At the moment, the activists seem to be winning the fight. The FBI announced this month that it would track animal abuse as a separate crime, rather than lumping it in the "other" category.

In New York City, the Police Department took over responsibility for animal abuse complaints in January, and created an Animal Cruelty Investigation Squad. Arrests for animal abuse increased about 250 percent through September, compared with the same period last year.

And the Brooklyn district at-

torney, Kenneth P. Thompson, said the Robinson case, which is to go to trial Wednesday, was "indicative of my determination to be strong on folks who think they can just abuse any type of animal."

"It's part of the new administration - we're going to take these cases seriously," said Thompson, who took office in January.

The view from Brooklyn is widely shared. Houston's

actions were captured in a video that went viral. He lured the cat toward him with an outstretched hand. As the cat approached and sniffed him, Robinson kicked it several feet into the air, as his friends cheered and Robinson hopped around, laughing. (The cat, known as King, a stray who lived in Robinson's housing project, was captured by animal activists, cared for by the Ameri-

son who set a cat on fire in a Brooklyn apartment building. The fund posted fliers in the neighborhood where the incident occurred; four witnesses eventually came forward, leading to the arrest and conviction of Denzell Oglesby, who was sentenced in March to a year in jail.

The fund began offering such rewards a few years ago, said Lora Dunn, a staff lawyer, and has reward offers out for a horse shooting in California and for information about a coyote pup torture incident, also in California.

Meanwhile, the ASPCA has been training police officers on how to spot animal abuse. In New York, it has hired an increasing number of forensic veterinarians, who detail animals' injuries for court cases. In New York City, the group has treated about 300 such animals so far this year, up from 100 last year.

In addition to pushing for jail time where appropriate, said Stacy Wolf, who leads the society's anti-cruelty group, the society has been backing other legal punishments, such as an order that prevents the defendant to have or live with an animal as a condition of probation.

The groups say they have captured law enforcement's attention in part by emphasizing that animal cruelty can be a "red flag" for future crimes, particularly domestic violence. Prosecutions nationwide are becoming much more frequent, said Sherry Ramsey, the director of animal cruelty prosecutions for the Humane Society of the United States, "and a lot of it's based on what we know now about the link between animal cruelty and human violence."

Yet defense groups say that animal abuse cases like Robinson's should be handled individually, and that putting people in jail can have serious long-term effects, from starting or strengthening gang affiliations, to taking someone away from school or a job that they may not return to. □

district attorney said this month she would seek jail time in animal cruelty cases, and Massachusetts passed a bill increasing maximum prison time for animal abuse cases to seven years from five. In Virginia, after a push from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a man was sentenced in February to a year in jail for starving a pit bull. And in Texas this year, a man received five years after offering to guide a wayward pet donkey home, then dragging the donkey from behind his truck. The donkey, which was found in a ditch, survived.

Robinson's case drew particular wrath because his

can Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and was adopted.)

Not long ago, animal cruelty was "considered a side issue, relegated to something a few over-passionate people cared about, basically," said Assemblywoman Linda B. Rosenthal of the Upper West Side in Manhattan, who has backed several bills strengthening animal cruelty laws. "Now, it's a mainstream concern."

And it is one that animal groups are trying to make even more central. In another animal abuse case, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a California-based nonprofit, offered \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the per-